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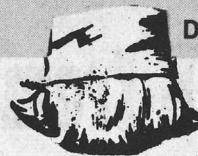
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# LETTUCE from our Readers



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Dear CRACKED,  
A quick joke. What do you call a hen that swallows a slinky?

Gloria Konigsberg  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Gloria,  
**A spring chicken?**

Dear CRACKED,  
UPDATED PUNCHLINES TO OLD JOKES and IF REAGAN BECOMES PRESIDENT; somehow those two articles seemed to belong in the same issue.

Howard Golash  
Kettering, Ohio

Dear Howard,  
No comment.

**Who are you guys anyway?**



Dear CRACKED,

I like that new feature of yours, HANG-UPS and noticed that it's being drawn by Cathy Severin. By any chance, is this a RELATIVE of the famous CRACKED artist?

Joe Bennett  
Omaha, Neb.

Dear Joe,  
**You guessed it. It's Bill Ward's son.**

Dear CRACKED,

CRACKED's NEW SIDEWALK, STREET AND PLAYGROUND GAMES was a gem. I split my sides laughing over STEAL THE YOUNG MAN'S BUNDLE and DESIGNER BLIND MAN'S BLUFF broke me up altogether.

Eugene Simock  
Abbeville, La.

Dear Eugene,

**Sorry about that. We didn't think the article would be so destructive.**



Dear CRACKED,

Would you settle an argument my brother and I are having? Which is older—the Kremlin in Moscow or the jokes used in CRACKED LOOKS AT A BIG CITY OFFICE?

Mitchell and Larry Ritzman  
Chestnut Hill, Pa.

Dear Mitchell and Larry,

Wise guys! May you both be smeared with cheese and then locked in a room with 8 ravenous Mouseketeers!

Dear CRACKED,

THE CRACKED WORLD OF VACATIONS was sparkling entertainment with tingly bubbles of effervescent humor throughout. Nice job.

Jim Polishchuk  
Manville, N.J.

Dear Jim,

**Speaking of jobs, you don't by any chance, happen to work for a soda company?**

Dear CRACKED,

I'm amazed. How can CRACKED keep giving us great writing, top-notch art, free iron-ons, super posters and a whole lot more for just 75¢ an issue?

Jane Morris  
Alexandria, Va.

Dear Jane,

**Funny. That's what our accountant keeps asking us.**

Dear CRACKED,

Can you tell me who wrote that hilarious piece UPDATED PUNCHLINES TO OLD JOKES in CRACKED #173?

Dwayne Rottman  
Hanover, N.H.

Dear Dwayne,

**Certainly. It was one of our talented writers.**

Dear CRACKED,

My father is a metal worker and he says that CRACKED uses some of the finest staples in the magazine industry. Is it possible to get a larger number of these to surprise him with?

John Albertini  
Baltimore, Md.

Dear John,

**Certainly. Just send us \$6.00 for a subscription and we'll mail you 8 big issues—that's 16 quality staples in all.**





Dear CRACKED,

This may seem a bit dumb, but I'm lost somewhere near Scottsdale, Arizona (see enclosed map) and haven't seen a soul in hours to ask directions of. There is, however, a mailbox nearby and I thought maybe if I wrote you guys, you could print directions for me in an upcoming issue and get me out of here.

Still waiting  
somewhere near Scottsdale,  
Arizona

Dear CRACKED,

To lift a line from a recent Carly Simon song—"Nobody Does It Better!" That is, nobody does movie satires better than CRACKED. Case in point, THE EMPIRE STRIKES OUT. It was as good as the movie itself (and that was pretty darn good). Will there be a sequel?

Barry Fontenot  
Brooklyn Park, Minn.

Dear Barry,

To the movie? Ask George Lucas. To the satire? Just turn to page 6 and see what we do to the STAR WARS gang this time.

Dear CRACKED,

After reading HOW GOVERNMENT CAN CUT SPENDING, I got to thinking of some additional ways you missed and came up with a can't-miss one. Simply fire all the politicians on Capitol Hill who aren't doing an honest day's work. That would save millions!

Mary Fenimore  
Brockport, N.Y.

Dear Mary,

And probably turn Washington into a ghost town.

Dear Still,

You're right! This letter does seem a bit dumb. After all, we've never even BEEN to Scottsdale, so how would we KNOW how to get OUT of it?

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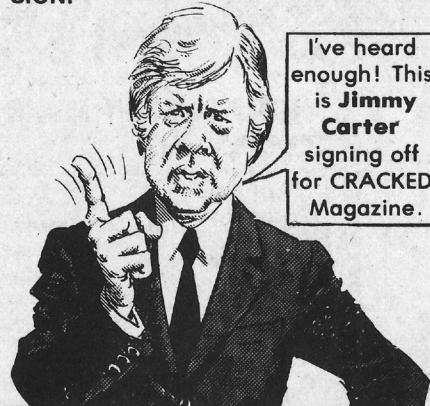
Dear CRACKED,

CRACKED INTERVIEWS THE MULTI-CINEMA KING was a REEL treat.

Bo Raeside,  
Palos Verdes, Ca.

Dear Bo,

Nice of you to make that ADMISION!

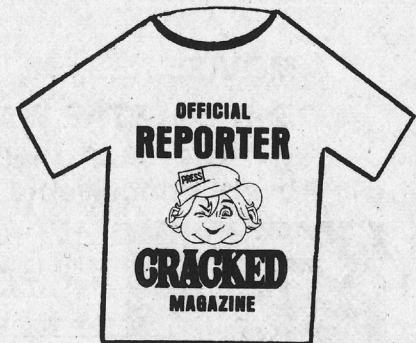


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# EXPLOITING THE STAR WARS FIGURES TO THEIR FULLEST

## MOVIES

Between **STAR WARS** sagas, producers figure that Lea and the rest will want to work to keep themselves occupied, so they've been offering them parts in every conceivable type picture including remakes and sequels such as —

You remember the romance!  
You remember the suffering!  
You remember the story that thrilled millions.  
Now it's back again as Paramount presents

### GONE WITH THE WIND II

This time starring Princess Lea in the role made famous by Vivian Leigh.

Miss Scarlet, where are you?

Over here. In Vivian Leigh's roll.



And Darth Vader in the role made famous by Clark Gable.

Rhett. You're home.

Please Scarlet. Don't grab my cheeks. You'll leave smudges!



Follow their new adventures as they remarry and have another child.

Mercy me! He looks just like his father.



...and occasionally have a disagreement or two —

I'm not taking out the garbage.

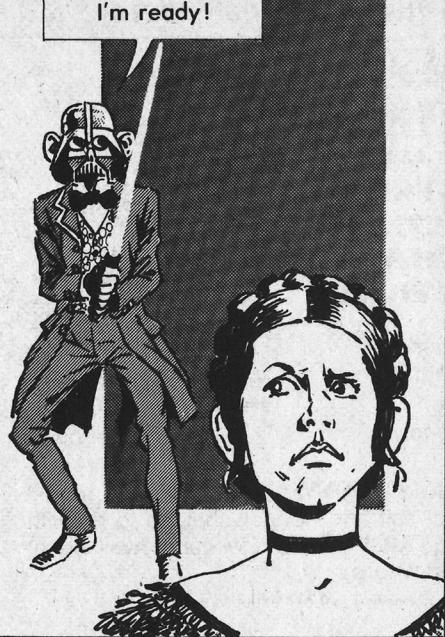
Well someone has to! There's 64 bagsful sitting in the living room.

Is this going to turn into another fight between us?

I'm afraid so.



Well, come on!  
I'm ready!



## It's all here and more in **GONE WITH THE WIND II** Starts Friday everywhere!

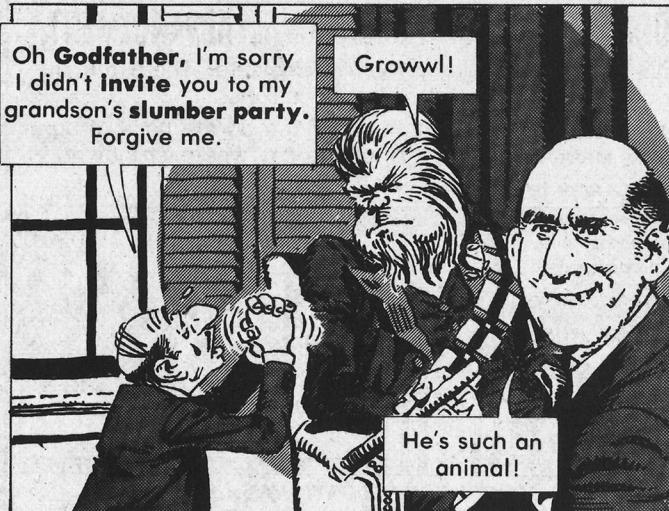
(In fact, we'll  
even bring it  
over and show  
it on your  
basement wall.)

And then there's...

They said NO  
one could  
play the  
role like  
Marlon Brando!  
No one,  
that is  
until they  
saw...



It's more than a remake!  
It's a major star giving the performance of HIS LIFE!



And the great practical jokes THEY USED to play.

Yeh, operator. My pop wants to send a Candy-gram to his friend in Hollywood... right, only instead of the chocolate-covered raisins, he'd like you to substitute a horse's head.



The story of a man and HIS 3 SONS

Pop, I'm gonna take my two brothers here with me to the Fettucini Festival if it's ok.

Growl!



## IT'S THE GODFATHER!

Acme Rug  
Cleaning  
Service.

Good... GODFATHER,  
YOUR  
BATH IS READY!!



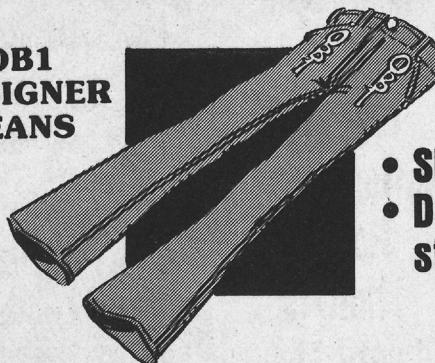
Coming soon to a theatre near you!

## MANUFACTURING

And of course, manufacturers will try and tie-in with the EMPIRE STRIKES BACK stars wherever they can (no matter how dumb or remote the tie-in may seem).

### AVAILABLE AT LAST!

OB1  
DESIGNER  
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- Slim cut
- Designer stitching

And if you find yourself having a rough time getting into them, just use THE FORCE—the force of your two hands pulling them up over your fat little legs.

**OB1 Designer Jeans** —light years ahead of the competition.

At last a fragrance worthy of

"Odor De Tawntawn Perfume"



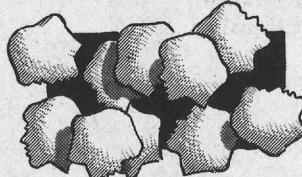
A fragrance like none you've ever smelled before.

Not the typical, boring flower-scented perfume, but rather more like the exciting scent of rotting garbage baking in the hot sun in one of New York City's poshest alleyways.

"Odor De Tawntawn"  
He'll know you have it on.

### Now eating vegetables is FUN again with LUKE SKYWALKER LIMA BEANS.

Each bean has been specially designed and grown to look exactly like that great hero of THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK.



Oh, these lima beans are still nutritious and still as awful tasting as ever, but thanks to their great shape, it'll be mouthfuls before your family realizes what they're even eating.

—available now at your grocer.

**Luke Skywalker Lima Beans**

And coming soon

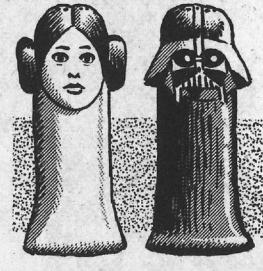
**Luke Skywalker Japanese Vegetables.**

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- Beautiful
- Stylish
- Expensive



Salt Pepper

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(And also not-so-fine stores that just sell expensive things.)

Is your child doing as well in school as he should?

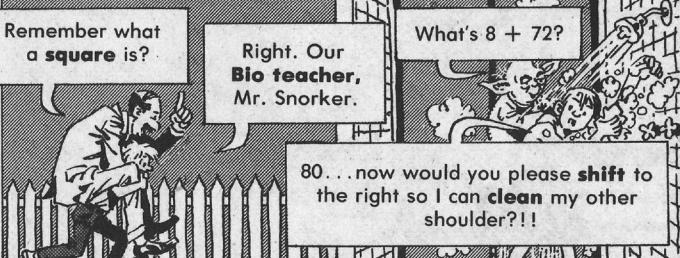
### Then come to the YODA SCHOOL FOR EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT.

This is not an ordinary learning institute. There are no books and no boring classroom sessions.

Instead, each YSFEA instructor rides on the back of our pupils instructing them 24 hours a day wherever they go.

On the way to school...

And at home...



The YODA SCHOOL FOR EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT—look under "Bubblebrain" in the yellow pages for the school nearest you.

### For that touch of elegance it's CHEWBACCA FURS



Long  
design  
for  
evening  
wear



Short  
design  
(with hood)  
for fun  
and play

The same kind of coat EMPIRE film star Chewbacca wears.

It looks, feels and smells just like his.

## TV

And, on TV, you'll find your **STAR WARS** friends all over the place.

As guests on airing shows like *The Waltons*.

**Yoda-boy**, would you help your sister **mop** the cows?

Yes, mom.

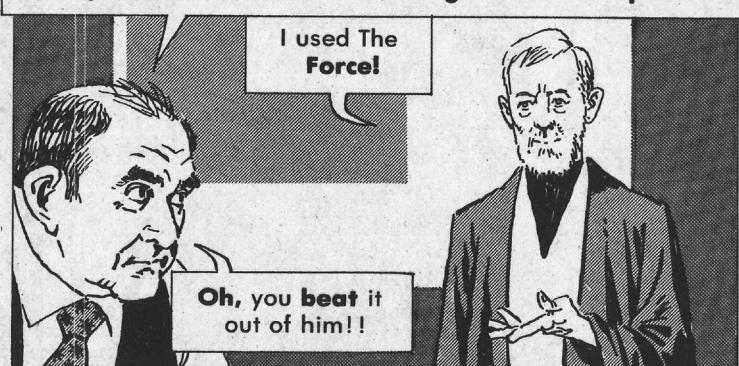


And on hit shows like *Lou Grant*.

So you're that new reporter, **Ben Obi**. I like the **byline** and I liked that **story** you did in today's paper. But how did you get that politician to **admit** to all that **graft** and **corruption**?

I used The Force!

Oh, you beat it out of him!!



On pilots for projected new series like these scenes from **THE RETURN OF THE LONE RANGER**.

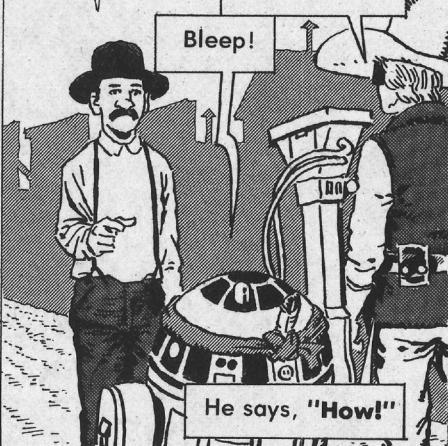
...in a cloud of dust and a hearty

Hi-Ho **Silver** and away!



Who's your friend?

My faithful Indian companion, **Tonto**.



Oh, great **masked man**, the **bank's** just been **robbed**. They took \$50,000...

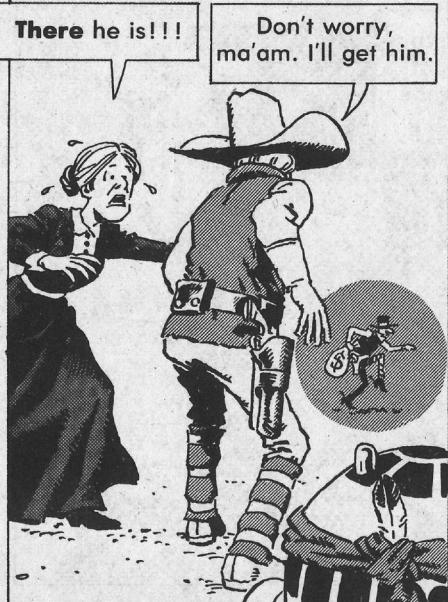
That's not so bad.

...and all the **free gifts** they were giving for opening **new accounts**!



There he is!!!

Don't worry, ma'am. I'll get him.



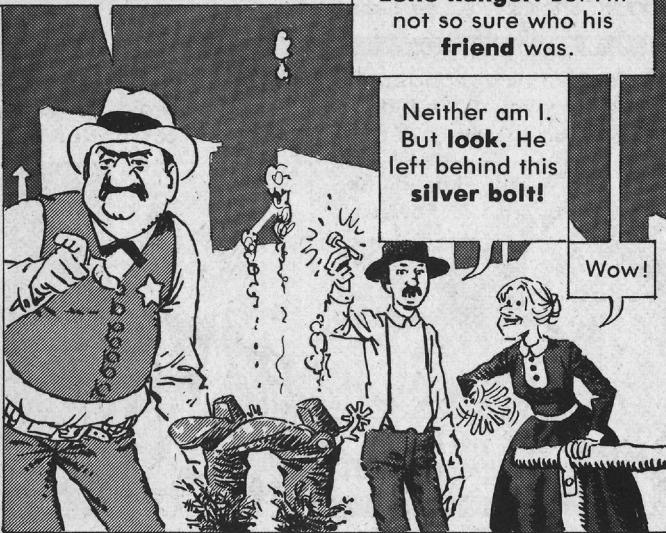
Here's your **thief**, sheriff.

Fine. I can **take** it from here.

I should **hope** so. Well, if you'll excuse me, it's time for **us** to be moving on.



Who was that **masked man**  
and his **friend** anyway?



Well, the big guy was the **Lone Ranger**. But I'm not so sure who his **friend** was.

Neither am I.  
But **look**. He  
left behind this  
**silver bolt**!

Wow!

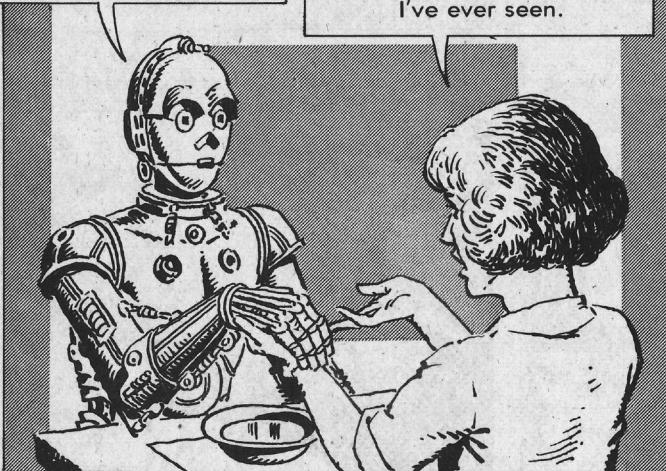
**On commercials. For Gillette . . .**



**For a leading dishwashing liquid . . .**

I'm here, Mistress Midge,  
for my appointment.

And just in time. These are  
the worst **rust pan hands**  
I've ever seen.



What am I going to do?  
Dishwashing liquids just  
**dry and corrode** my  
hands.

Well, **crying** won't help.  
Instead, try my new **Ajacks**  
with **Teflon**. It *coats* your  
**hands** as it **washes** so you  
**can't rust**.

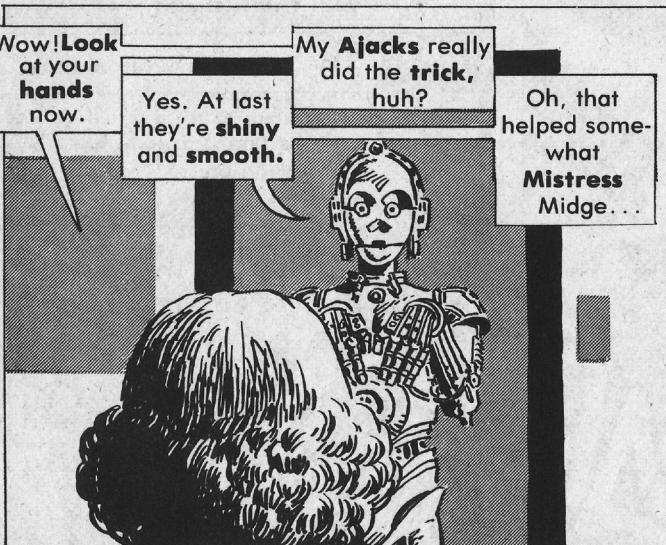
### **3 Weeks Later—**

**Wow! Look  
at your  
hands  
now.**

Yes. At last  
they're **shiny**  
and **smooth**.

**My Ajacks really  
did the trick,  
huh?**

Oh, that  
helped some-  
what  
**Mistress**  
**Midge** . . .

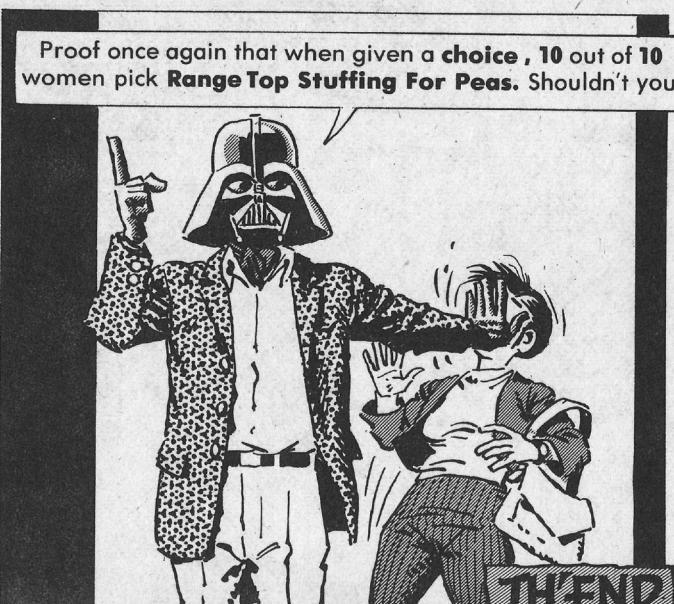
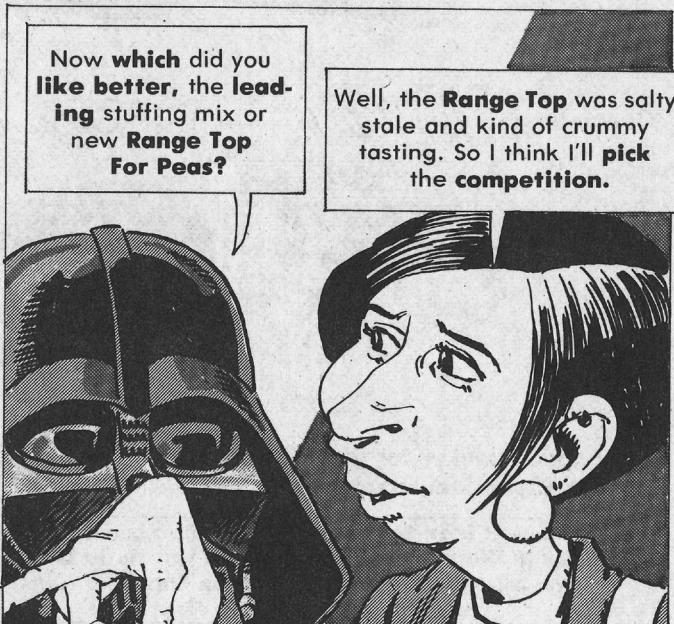
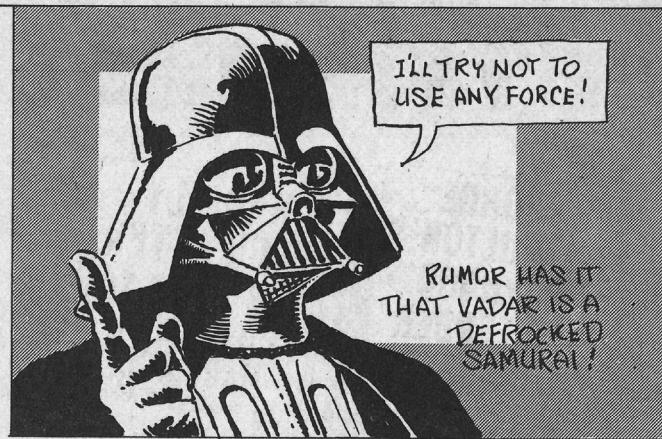


But it was **hiring**  
this **maid** that  
**really** made the  
difference.



## And for all those product comparison ads...

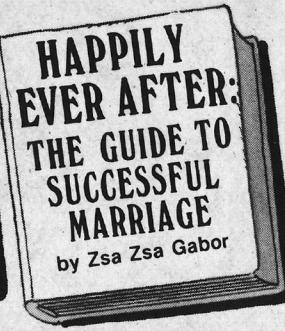
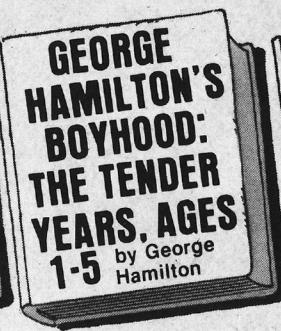
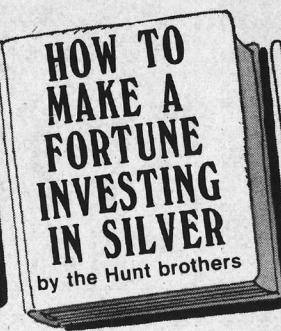
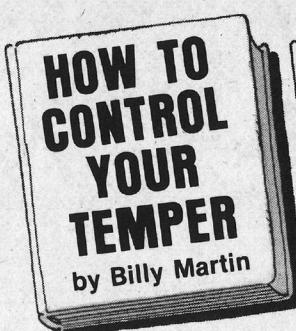
We asked **Darth Vader**, star of the new **EMPIRE STRIKES BACK** film, if he'd do some **hidden camera** comparison tests for us using **Range Top Stuffing**. Here's what he learned.



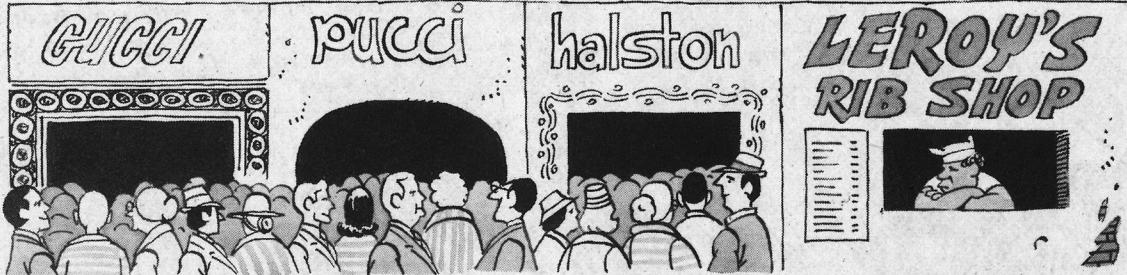
Let's face it. There are some things that were never meant to be, like Johnny Carson getting out of doing THE TONIGHT SHOW and the Cleveland Department of Tourism convincing travelers that their city is more fun than London, Paris and Toledo. And another thing never meant to be is some people making "a killing" as you'll soon learn when we warn you of places you should never put your money (but some suckers do) when we take

# A CRACKED LOOK AT DUMB INVESTMENTS

Agreeing to put up money for these "potential" best sellers....



Opening a "soul food" restaurant in Beverly Hills.



Acting as a backer for the next McClean Stevenson Show.

I agree the McClean Stevenson Show was a bomb as was the New McClean Stevenson Show as was Hello Larry, but the All-New McClean Stevenson Show has a good shot at making it.

Why's that?

McClean Stevenson won't be in it!



Buying certain parcels of real estate.

You bought this tract of land?

Yeah! I'm gonna convert the existing structures into condominiums. When people see how I've redesigned the interiors, their faces will glow.

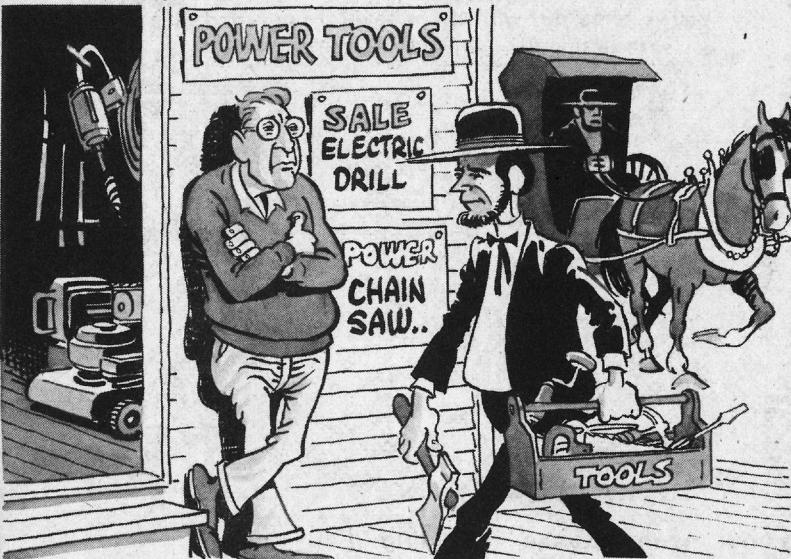
I bet they will!



Purchasing boxes of buttons and bumper stickers from a wholesaler, sight unseen, no matter **HOW** cheap they are.



Opening up a power tool store in Pennsylvania Dutch Country.



Marketing a perfume with a scent that's **TOO** unique.



Investing in glow in the dark wallpaper so people won't bump into their walls at night.

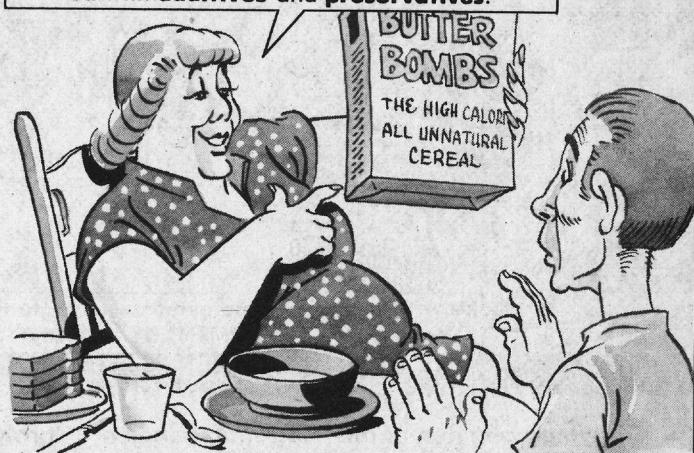


Starting up a magazine primarily for infants

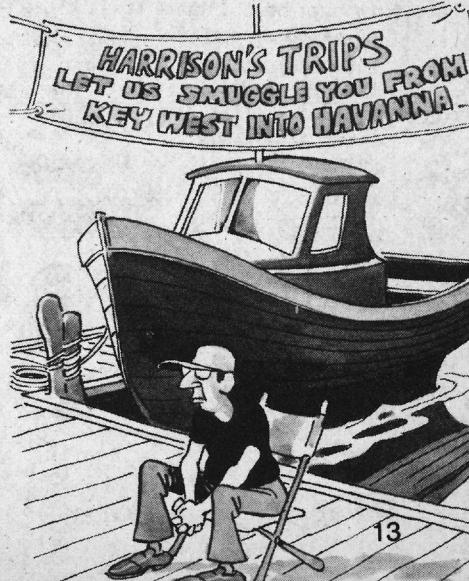


Coming out with a fatty, high in cholesterol, all-sugar breakfast cereal.

It's for people who want a **choice** in the morning. It contains all **unnatural** ingredients and is **loaded** with **additives and preservatives**.



Buying a boat so you can run what you believe is a neglected service.

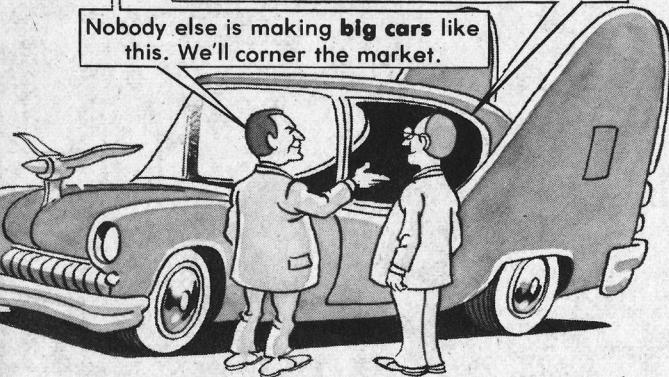


**Investing in any newly-designed luxury car that someone wants to mass produce.**

**El Grande** is the ultimate in luxury. It even has a washroom, plus it weighs a solid 22,000 lbs. and gets 6 miles to a gallon...

...and 8 miles per gallon on the highway.

Nobody else is making **big cars** like this. We'll corner the market.



**Investing in a Broadway musical doomed from the start.**

It's a natural! The life story of President **Millard Fillmore** set to music!

What is it, a **one-act play**?

**HELLO MILLARD**

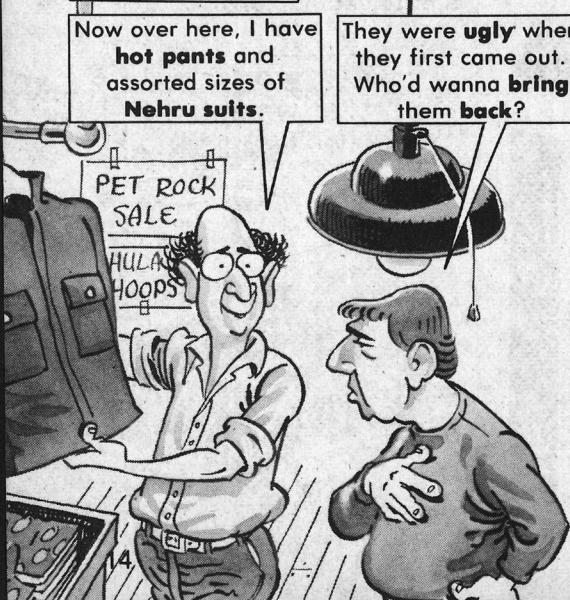
It's written by the same person who wrote the **screenplay for MOMENT BY MOMENT**.

**Buying up crates of old "fad merchandise" in the hopes that one day some of them will come back.**

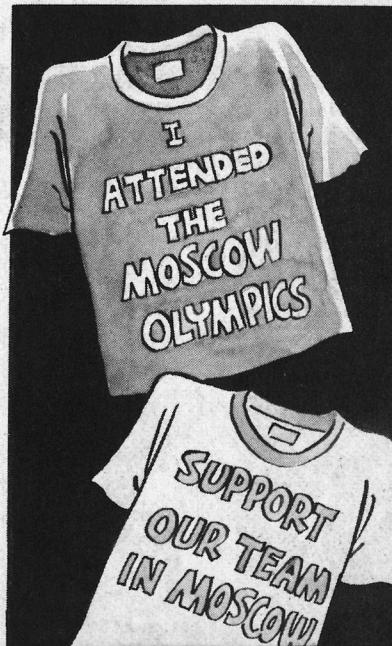
**THE OLD FAD SHOP**

Now over here, I have **hot pants** and assorted sizes of **Nehru suits**.

They were **ugly** when they first came out. Who'd wanna **bring them back**?



**Throwing your money into the production of certain T-shirts.**

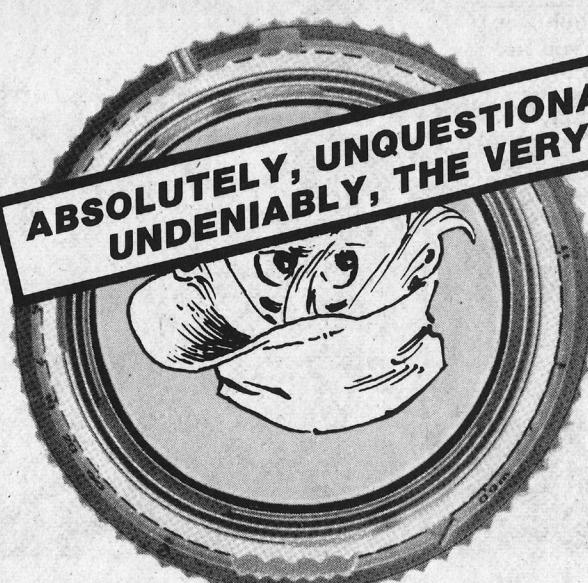


**Investing in any new Farrah Fawcett movie.**

I own 52% of "KISS ME, KILL ME, PUMMEL ME." The studio said it would be **twice** as big as **Sunburn** or **Saturn 3**.

That means **4** people'll see it instead of **2**.

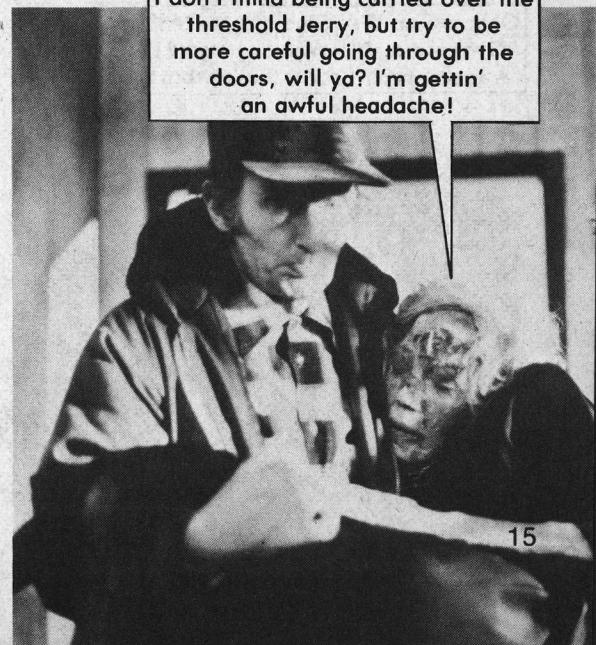
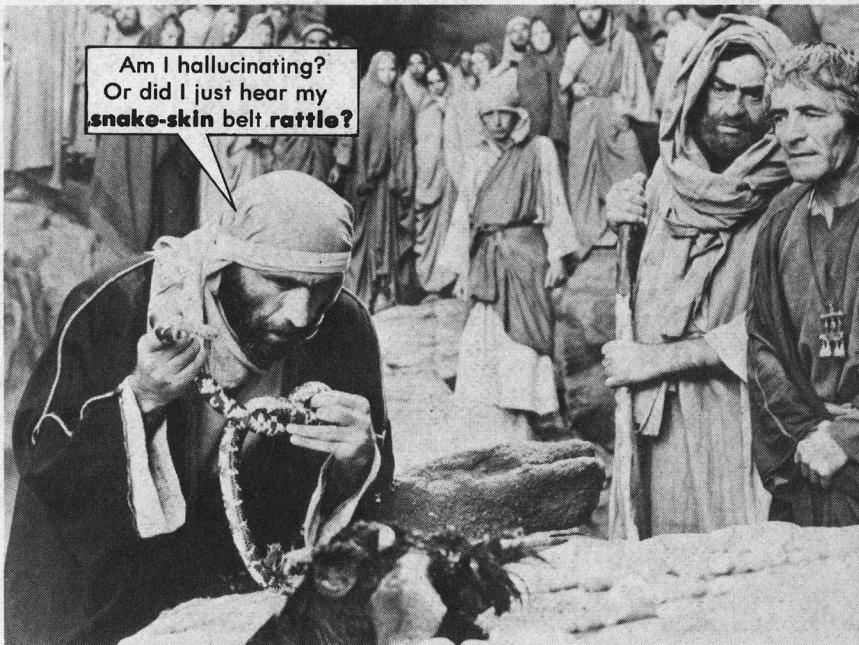




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UNDENIABLY, THE VERY, VERY, LAST OF

# THE CRACKED LENS

*(and we really mean it this time!)*



I don't understand.  
I haven't caught  
a fish all day!

*Papagayo*  
ACAPULCO GRO.

I thought you  
said you fed  
the horse.

Darn you crabgrass!  
Can't you grow somewhere  
else for a change!?

You're nuts!  
I don't see  
no moving  
cactus!

Give me an "F!" Give me an "A!"  
Give me a "D!" What'daya got?!

A lousy report card, that's what!

I know the museum is closed,  
but my wife is beat—  
she's been on her  
feet all day.

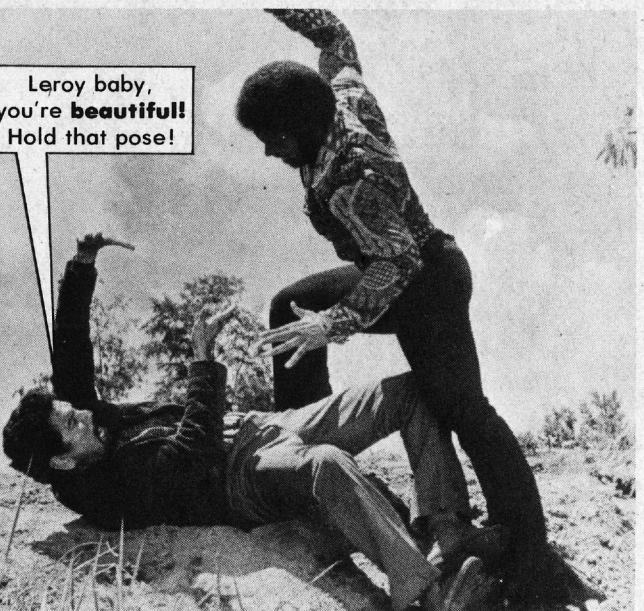
Listen sister, if you don't  
keep your **slimy hands** off  
me, I'm gonna **knock your  
teeth** down your **throat**!



Something tells  
me we should've  
taken the **bus**.



Leroy baby,  
you're **beautiful**!  
Hold that pose!



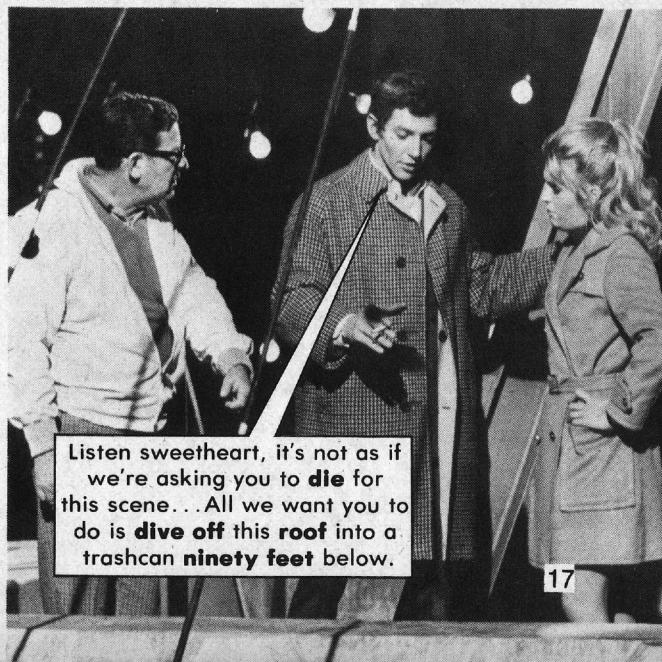
I don't get it.  
I haven't seen  
a **duck** all day.

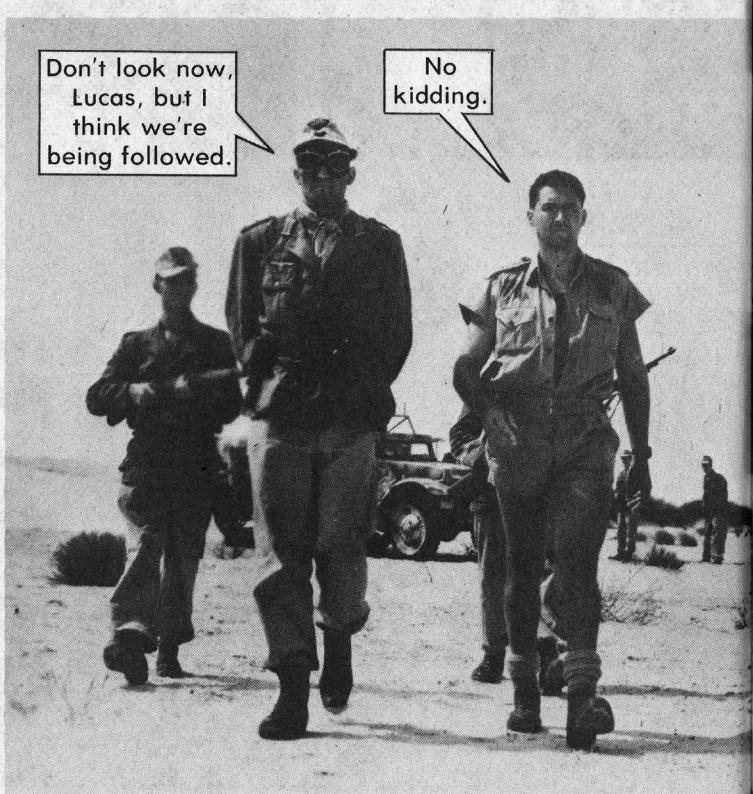
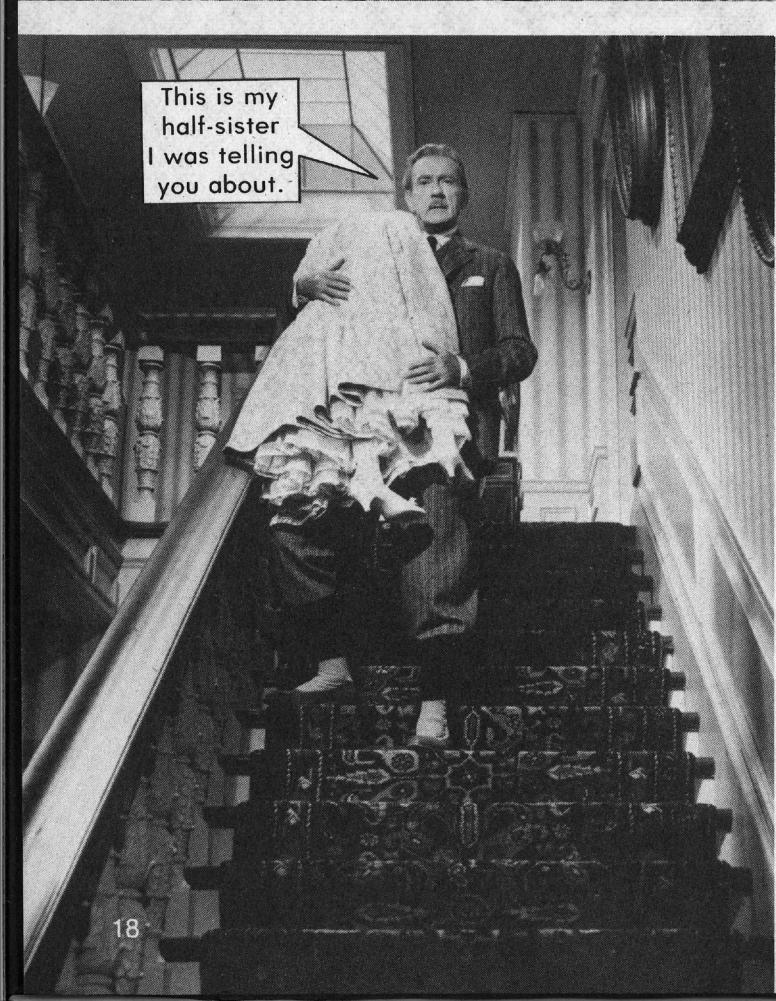
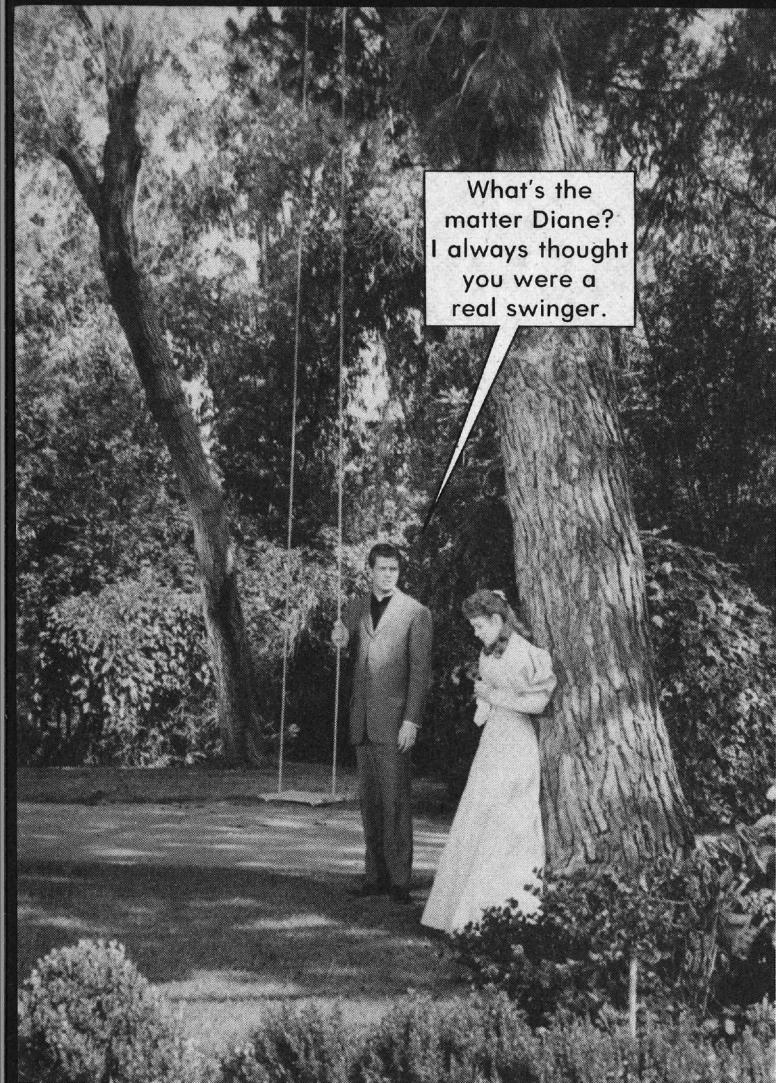


Don't just stand there  
**grinning**, idiot! Get that  
**tarantula** off my back!



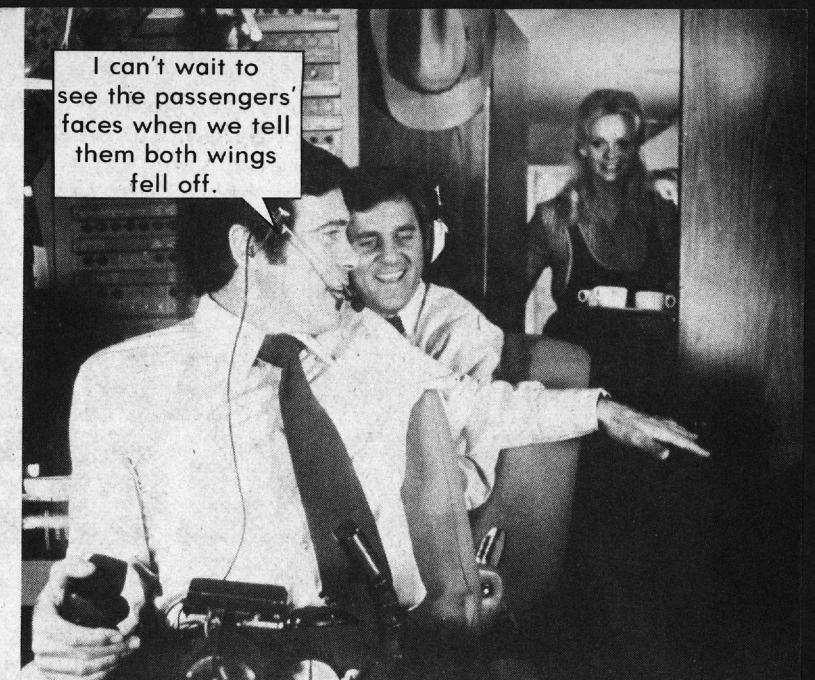
Listen sweetheart, it's not as if  
we're asking you to **die** for  
this scene... All we want you to  
do is **dive off** this **roof** into a  
**trashcan** **ninety feet** below.



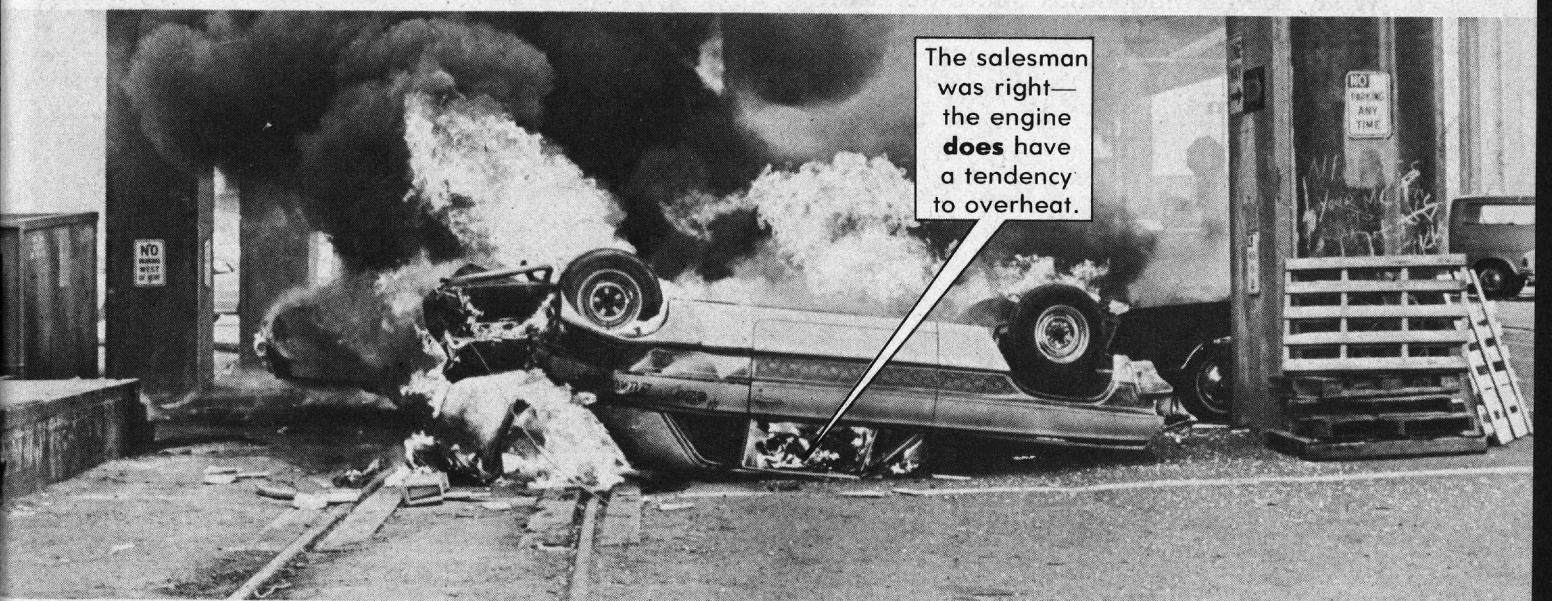




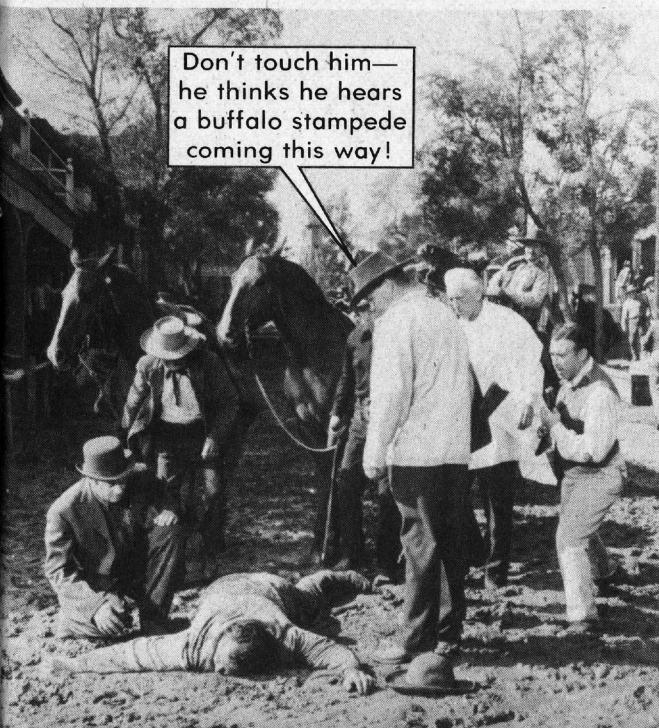
But I can't  
marry you,  
Jack—you  
bite your  
nails.



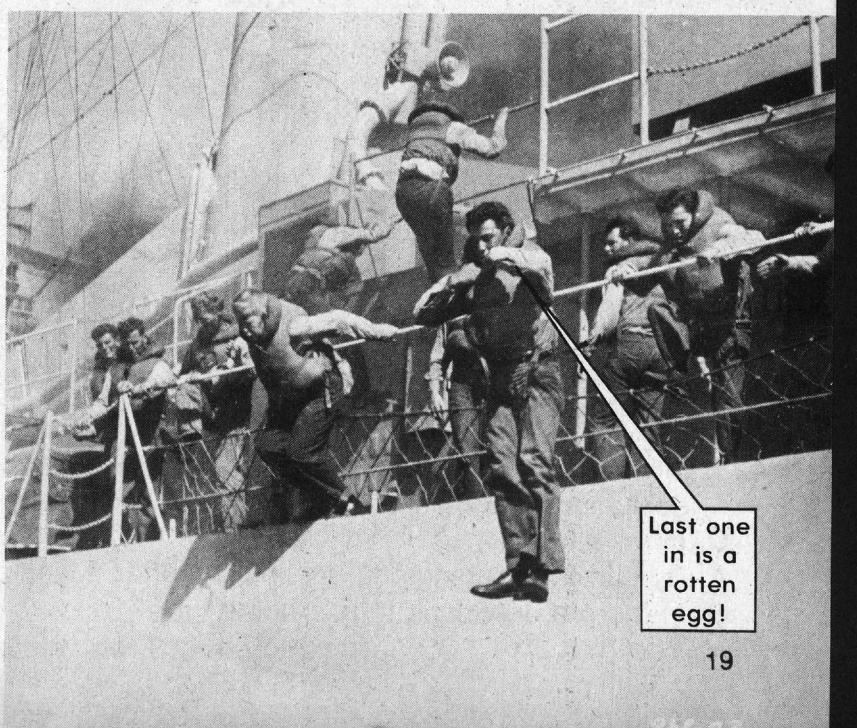
I can't wait to  
see the passengers'  
faces when we tell  
them both wings  
fell off.



The salesman  
was right—  
the engine  
**does** have  
a tendency  
to overheat.



Don't touch him—  
he thinks he hears  
a buffalo stampede  
coming this way!



Last one  
in is a  
rotten  
egg!

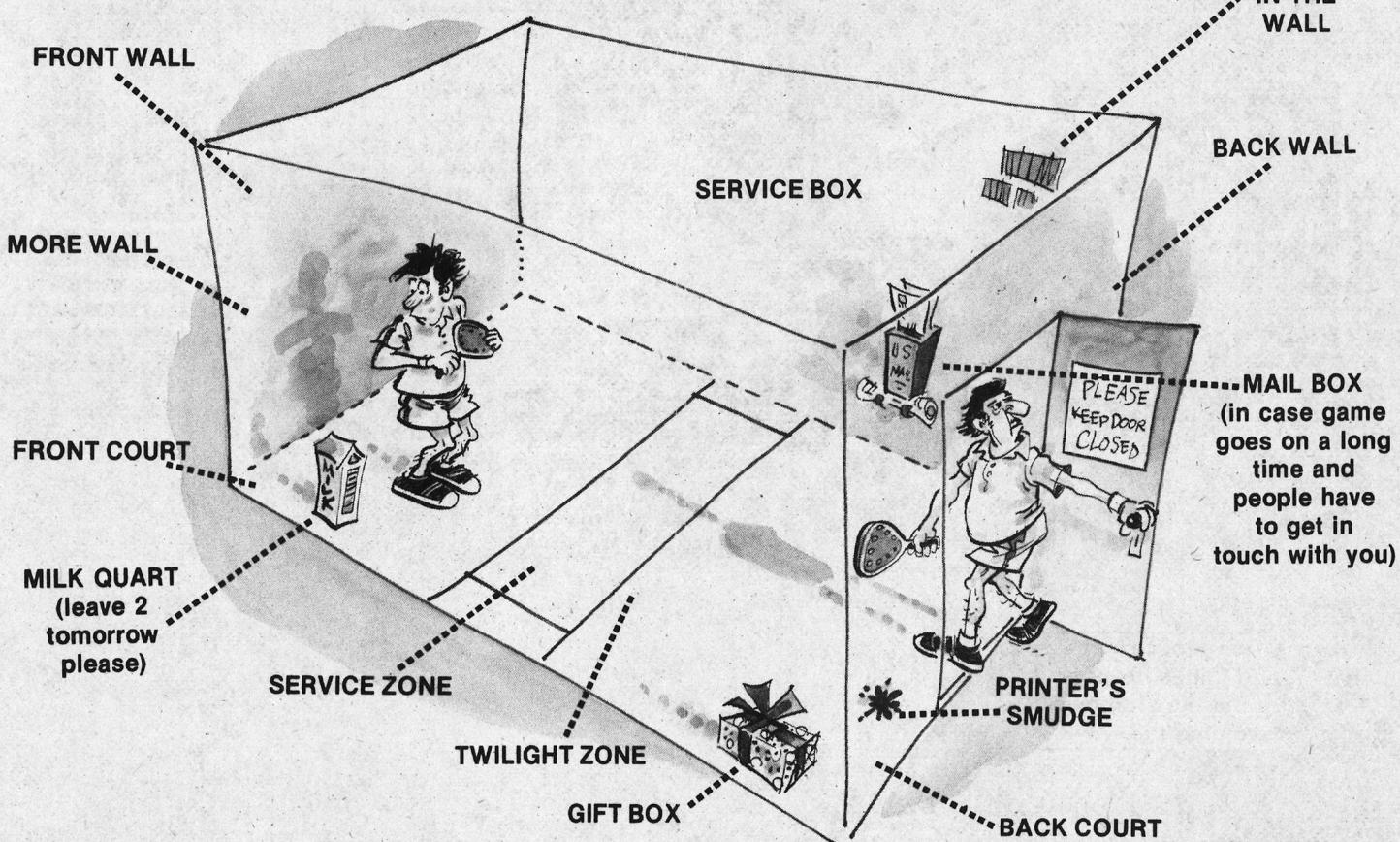
Hi there! We'll get to our introduction in a moment, but first we promised the C.I.A. we'd pass along this coded message to all their agents—"DEAD DONKEYS NEED LITTLE FEED." Thanks for being so patient and as your reward, here's yet another in our continuing series of sporting articles, this time

# THE CRACKED QUESTION AND ANSWER GUIDE TO RACQUETBALL

**Q.** What is the object of racquetball?

**A.** The same as football, baseball and Family Feud—to win!

**Q.** What does a racquetball court look like?



**A.** A racquetball court looks something like the one pictured above, only a lot bigger. Sometimes you'll find 4 of these courts laid out side by side. In the trade, this is known as a gallon.

The court is enclosed and players use all four walls, the ceiling and the floor to play off of.

Most indoor courts charge as much as \$16 an hour, however many people save this fee by designing their own home version.

**Q.** How is this done?

**A.** By carefully cutting and pasting together 23 empty refrigerator boxes.

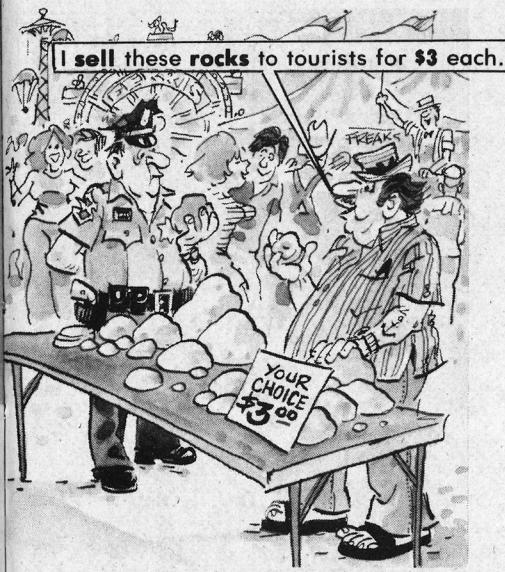
**Q.** Is there a drawback to this home type?

**A.** Yes. The \$11,500 needed to buy 23 refrigerators.

**Q. Do I need any special equipment to play?****A. Yes.** First you'll need a good racquet.

You'll also need a ball.

And finally a shirt, pair of shorts and sneakers.



Now that's a good racket!

This sport sure is expensive. This ball cost me \$2000!



Make that a white shirt, shorts and sneakers. You don't wanna make your opponent seasick!

**Q. How do I begin?****A. To begin, the first player, standing in the service zone, takes the ball and hits it...**

His opponent then returns the ball...

Players then alternate striking the ball



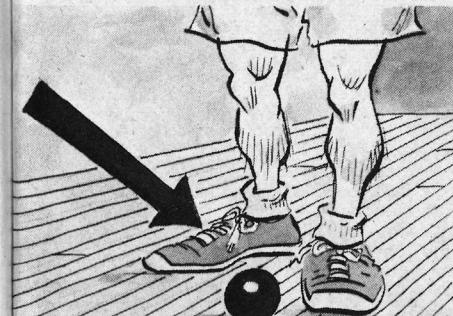
...hits it into the front wall, that is.

**Q. On a serve does the ball have to reach a certain point?****A. Yes.**

If it lands here...

If it lands here...

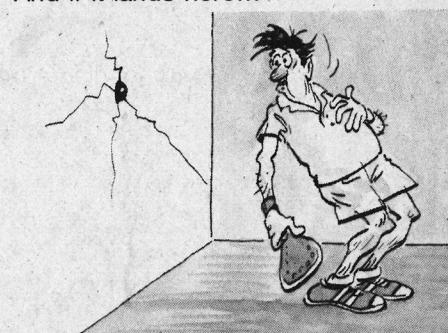
And if it lands here...



...it means the ball has travelled all of 2 inches on your serve and you must be a real whimp!



...it means you forgot to close your court door and the ball has once again bounced out into the snack bar.



...it means you're probably hitting the ball much too hard and should really be out demolishing buildings with your fists instead of playing racquetball.



**Q.** How can I avoid crashing into walls?

**A.** Try getting more than 2 hours sleep the night before a game.

Fig. 1



Fig. 2



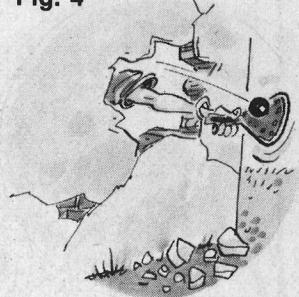
**Q.** Seriously.

**A.** If you see a ball is coming very close to the wall and you have no room to swing, try this uncommon, yet perfectly legal maneuver.

Fig. 3



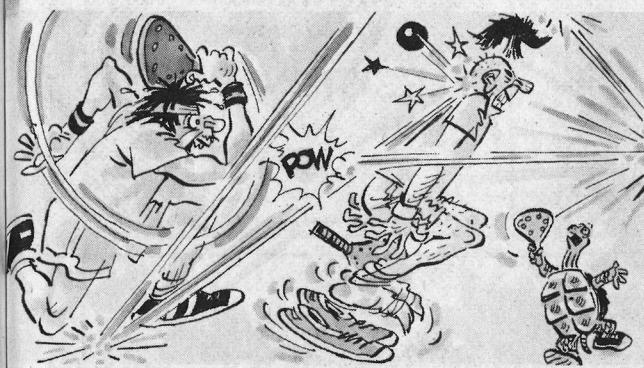
Fig. 4



**Q.** Are there bad and good ceiling shots? **A.** Would we have printed the question if there weren't?

This is a good ceiling shot.

Notice the excellent ricochet.

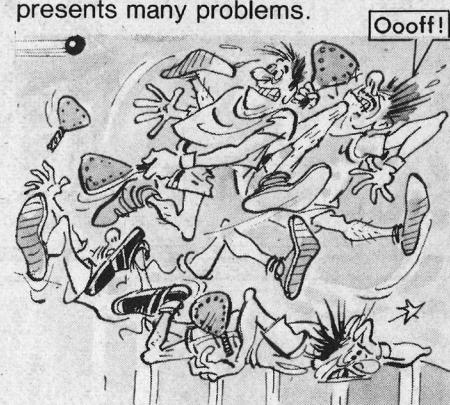


And this is a bad ceiling shot that can truly affect future play.



**Q.** I understand that besides playing one on one, there are other ways of playing? **A.** There are.

First there's playing alone. Then there's doubles. But 4 players on a court this small presents many problems.



And finally, there's cut-throat (3 players). You'll find this particularly popular with one group of people.



But this becomes kind of boring after awhile.

**Q.** Well, it looks like you've answered all my questions, except one. Who are you anyway?

**A.** I don't really know. A question appears on the page and I just answer it automatically.

**Q.** Very interesting. How long have you had this non-identity problem?

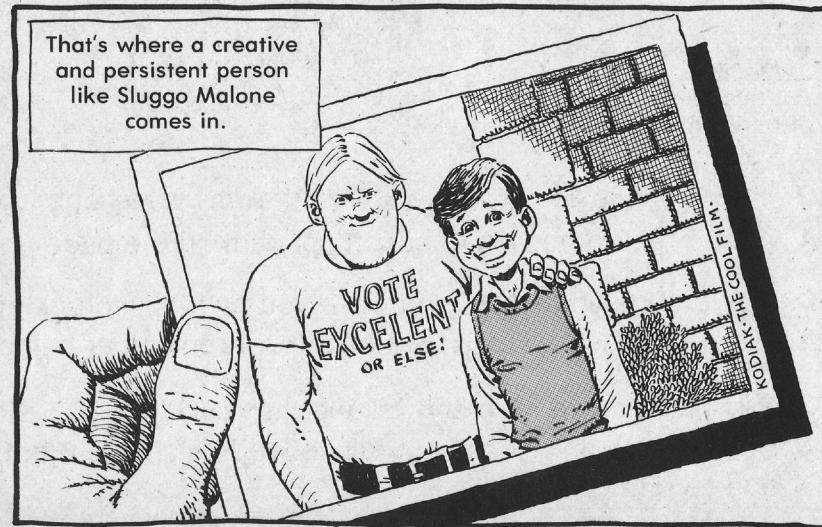
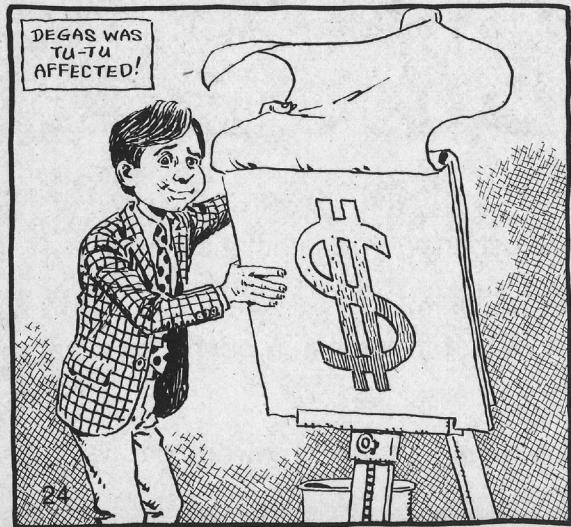
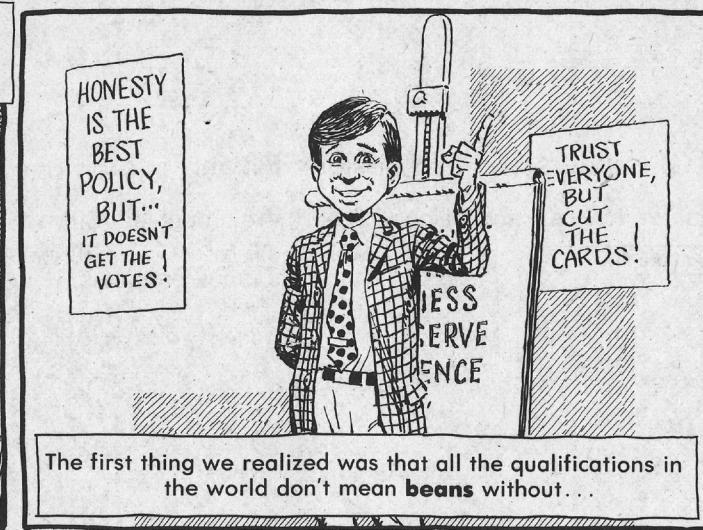
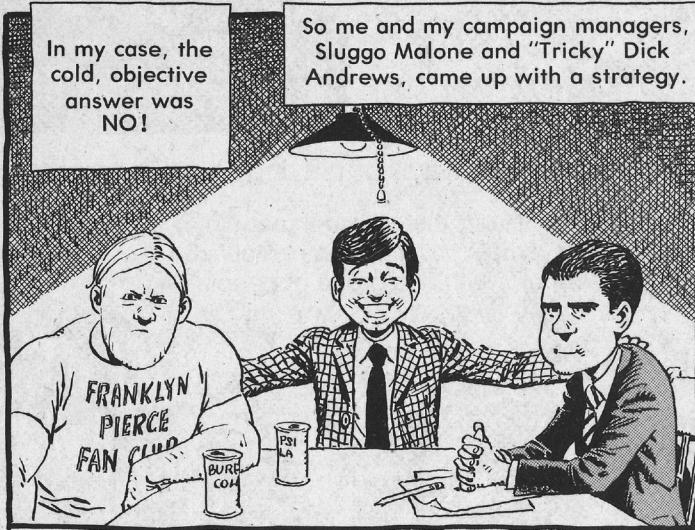
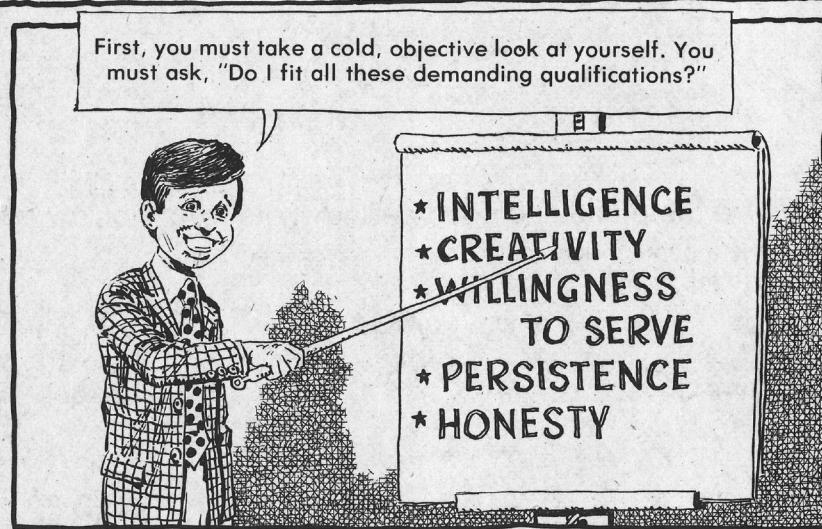
**A.** It started when I was little. I can never remember being anything more than a period on a page.

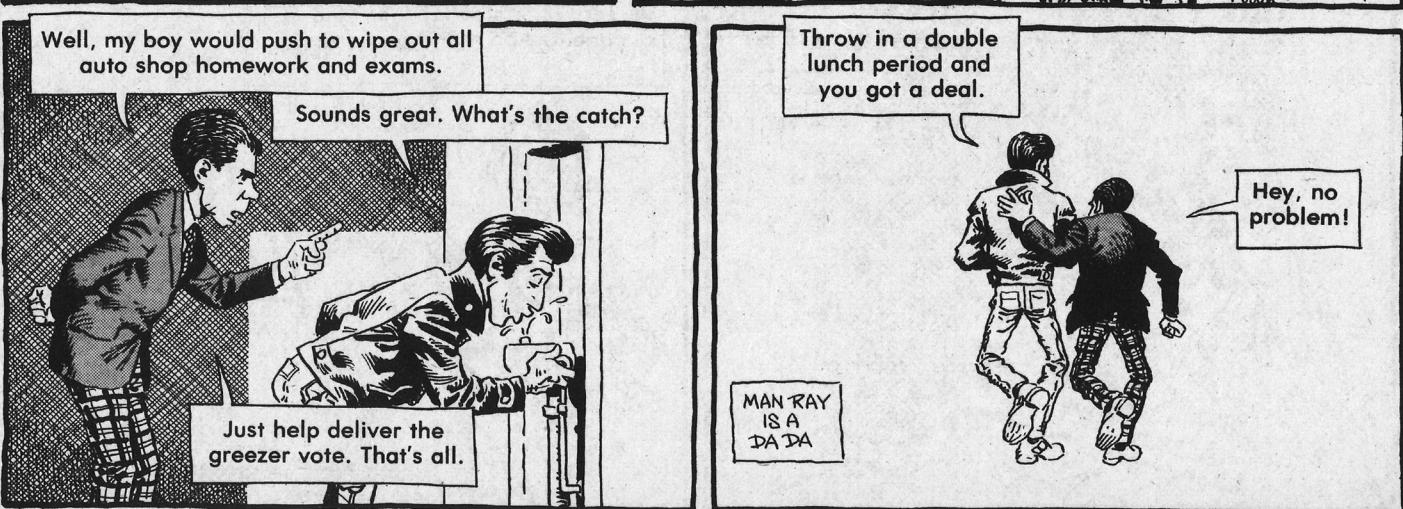
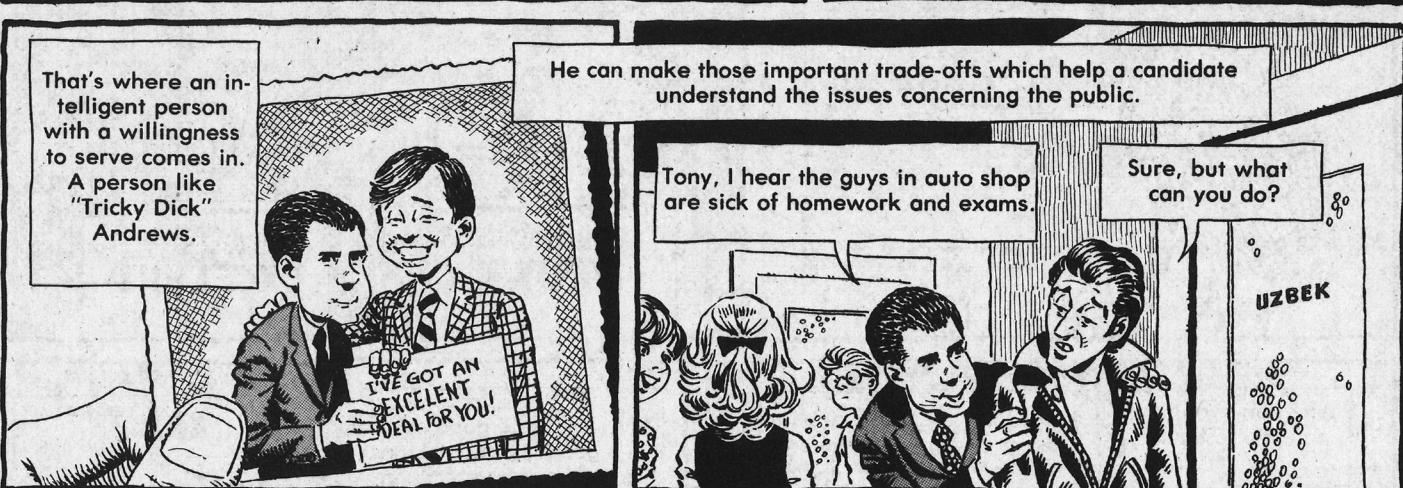
**Q.** Wanna lie down here and tell me the rest?

**A.** Soon I grew and became a full-fledged semi-colon, but commas kept trying to replace me and take my...

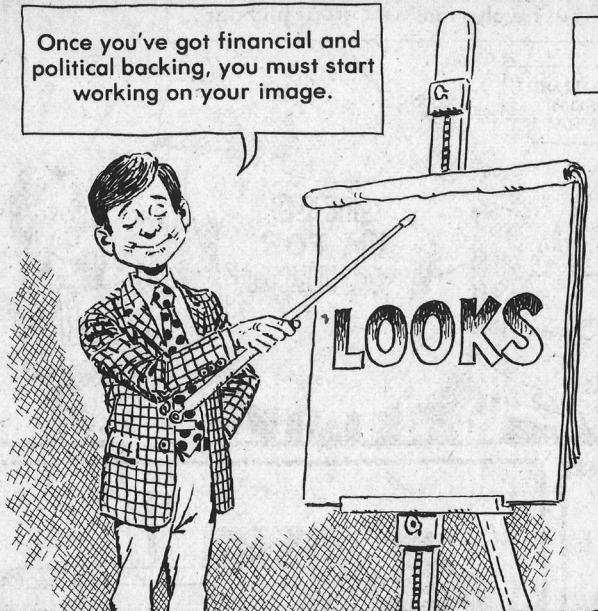
Hello future leaders of America. While our adult counterparts slug it out for the executive office, I thought I'd share my own secrets for achieving something a bit closer to home. Mainly,

# HOW TO WIN A SCHOOL ELECTION

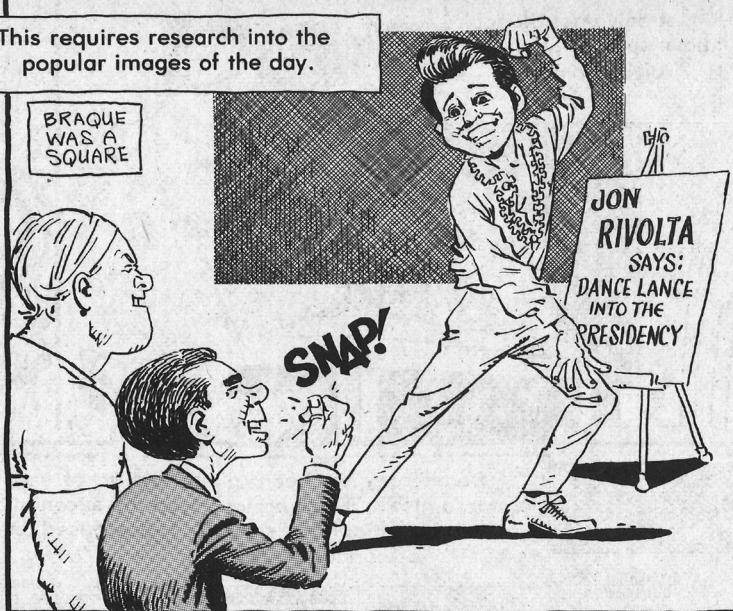




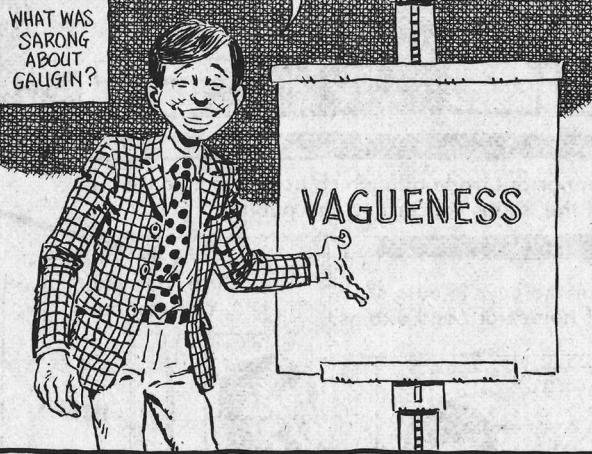
Once you've got financial and political backing, you must start working on your image.



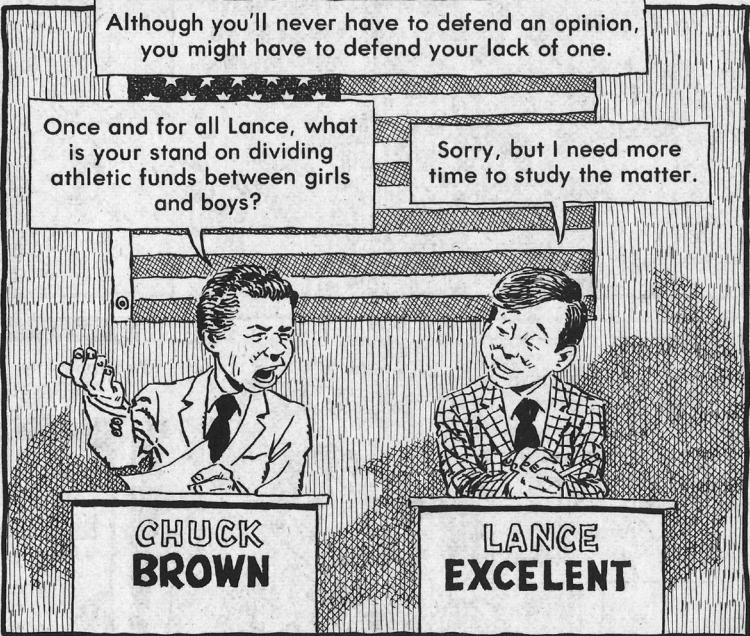
This requires research into the popular images of the day.



Then, there's the issues. You've got to study the facts. You've got to discover your opponent's position. Then, you've got to develop your own dynamic policy based on...



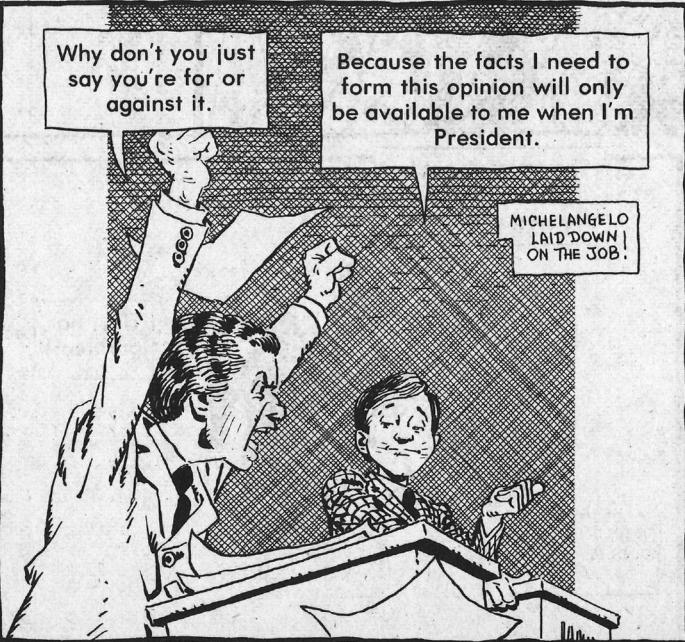
Although you'll never have to defend an opinion, you might have to defend your lack of one.



Why don't you just say you're for or against it.

Because the facts I need to form this opinion will only be available to me when I'm President.

MICHELANGELO LAID DOWN! ON THE JOB!

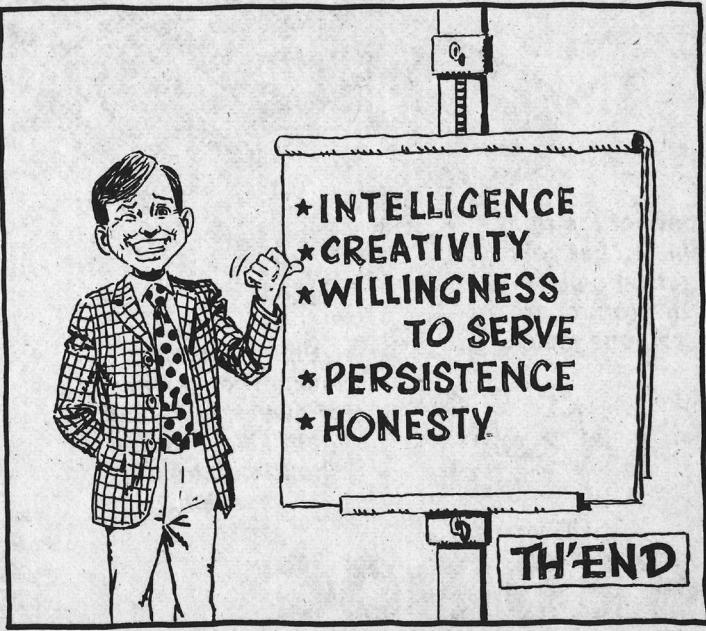
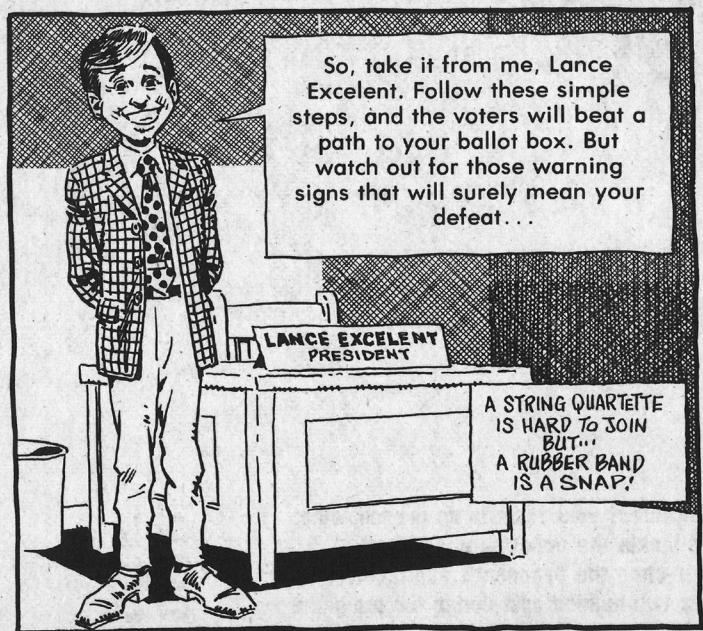
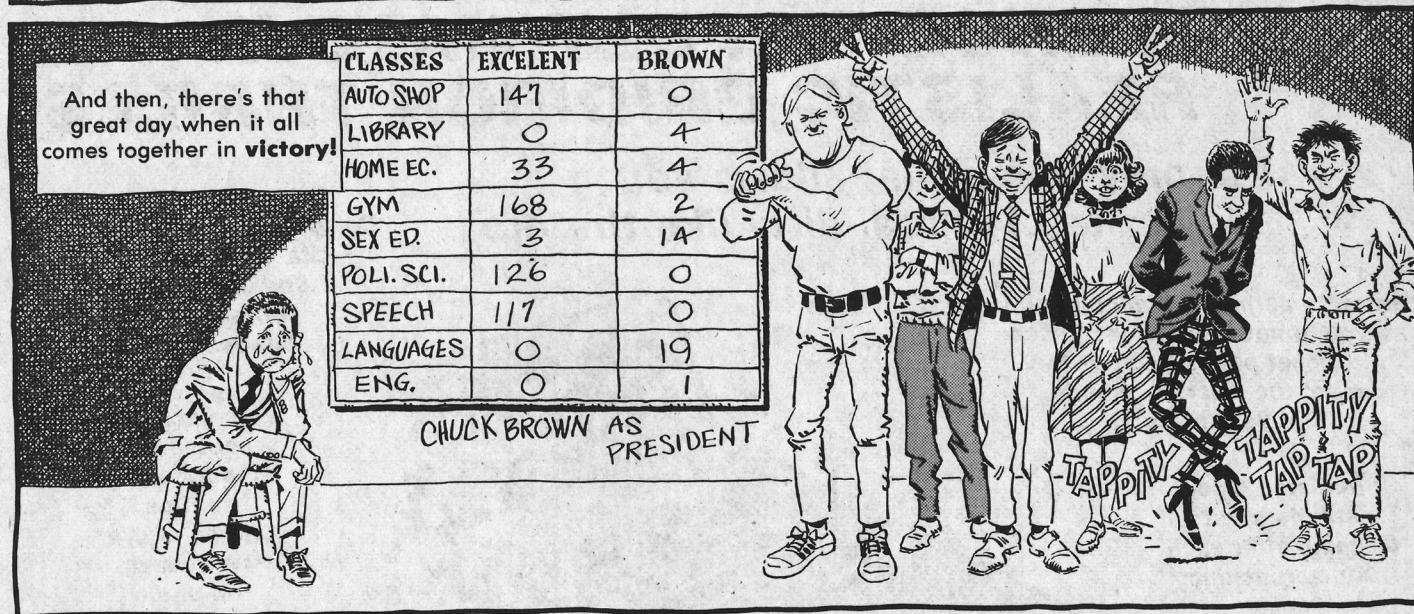
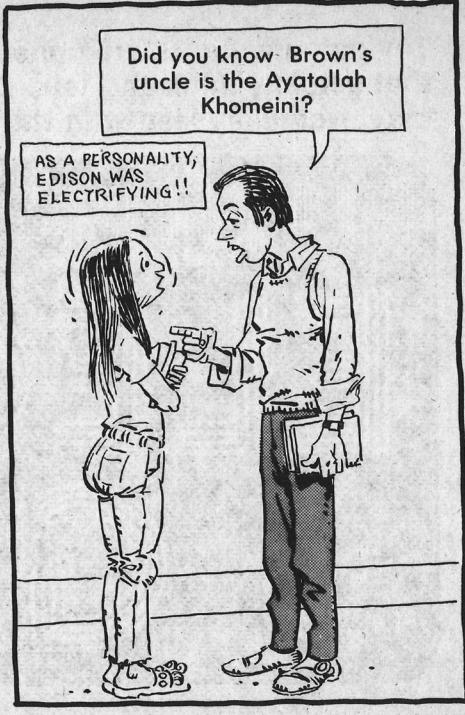


And, finally, a good politician must be a good communicator. You must convince the voter that you can serve them better than your opponent. And that means using...

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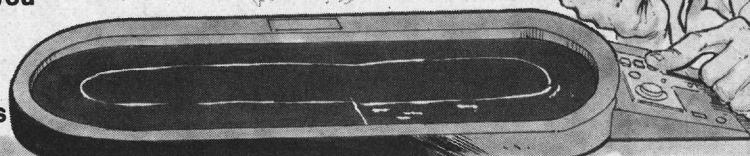
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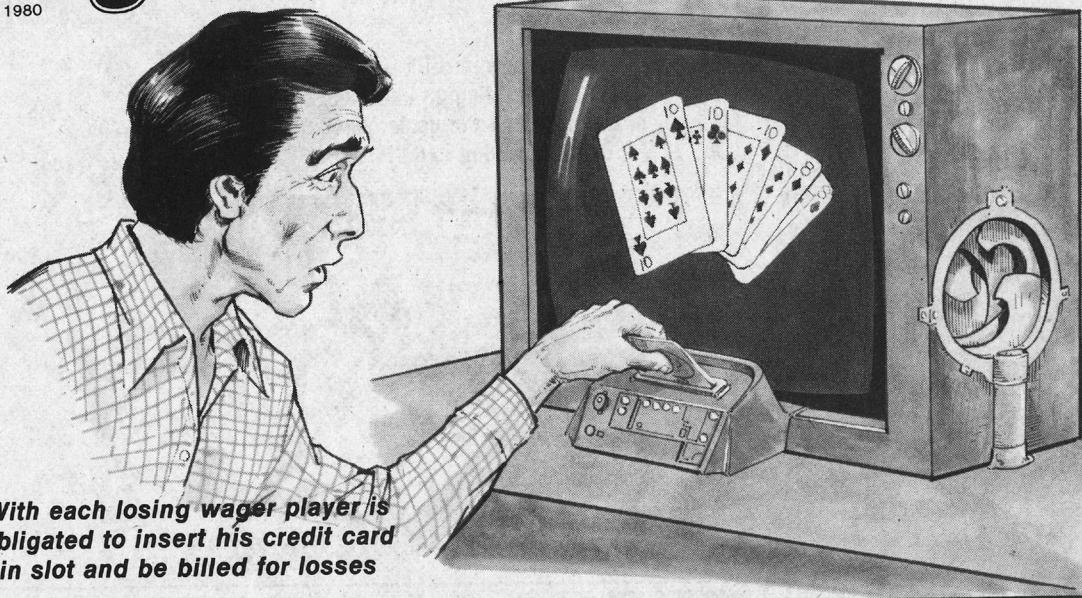
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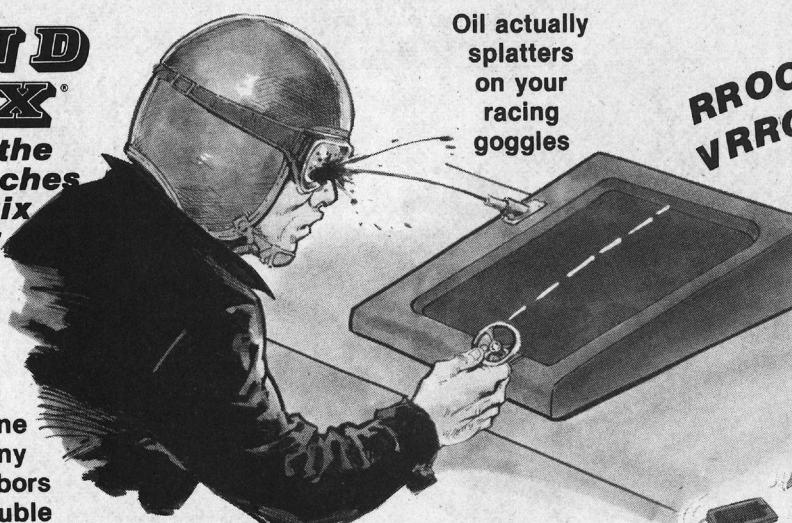
Ear-splitting engine sounds accompany each race (If neighbors don't complain, double your money back)

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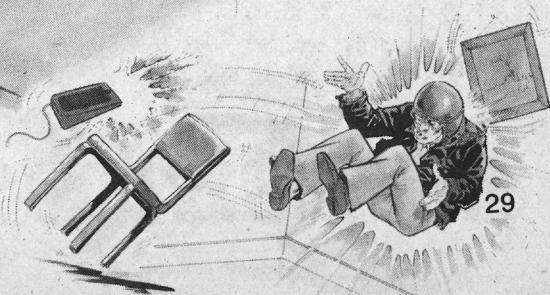
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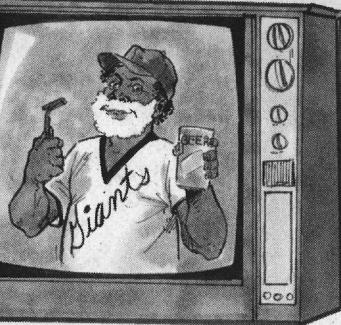
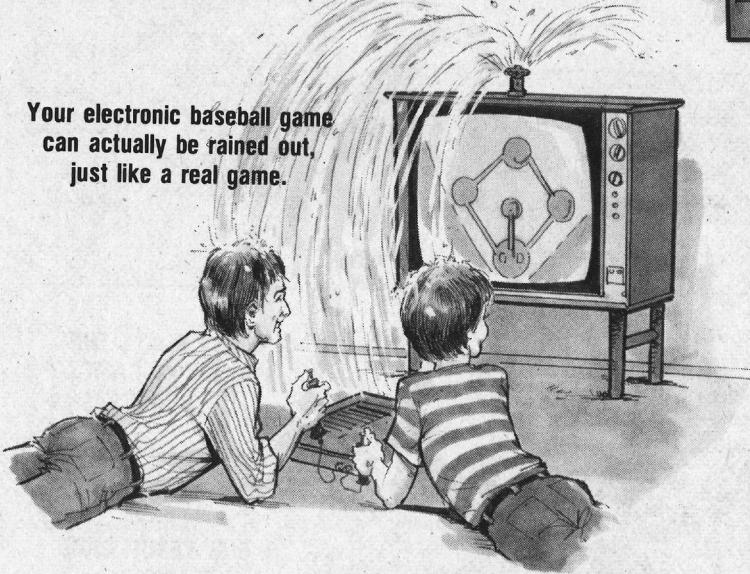


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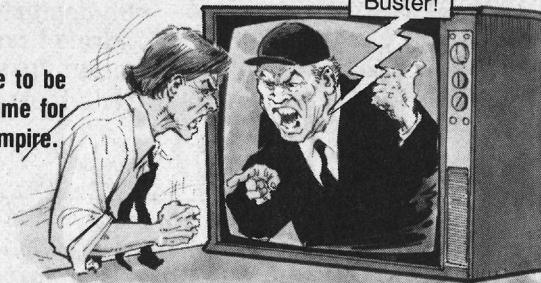


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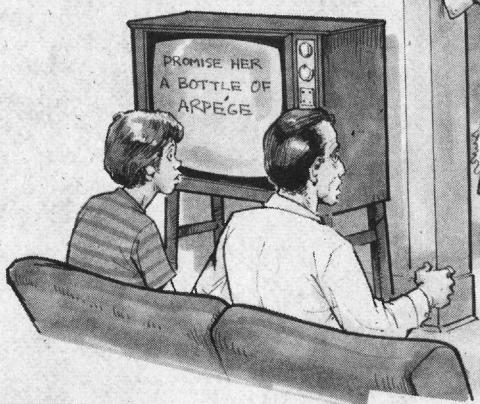
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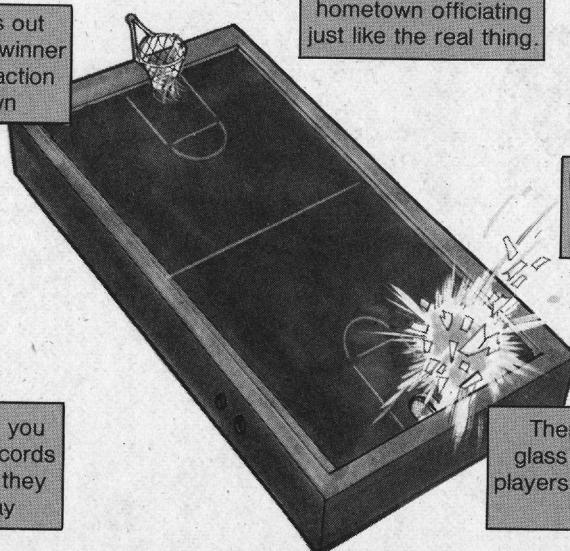
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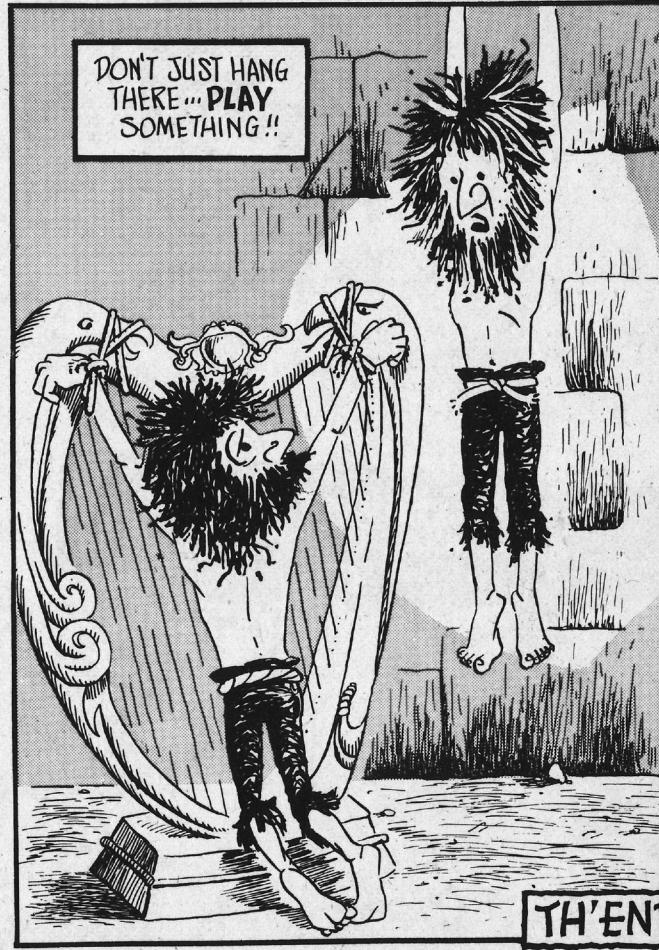
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Ever since the beginning of time and even before that, man has been making laws (and breaking them) to stem the increasing chaos that threatens the very fabric of society, which happens to be tweed. It is near impossible to remember all laws since they vary from state to state. However, we at the magazine, are devoted to keeping our readers aware of the latest changes in the law, so we offer you the definitive guide to

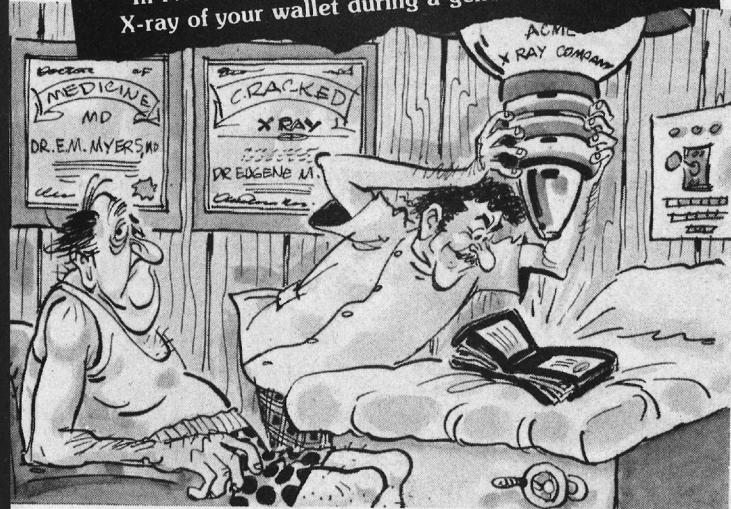
### LAW #1

It is illegal to publish the 10 Commandments and claim you are the author.



### LAW #3

In New York, a doctor is not allowed to take an X-ray of your wallet during a general examination.



### LAW #5

In San Diego, California, it is illegal to wear a mask in a bank.



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### LAW #2

In Flintstone, Maryland, it is against the law to practice the art of lion taming in your parents' bedroom.



### LAW #4

In Boston, Massachusetts, you are not allowed to place an oral thermometer in boiling water.



### LAW #6

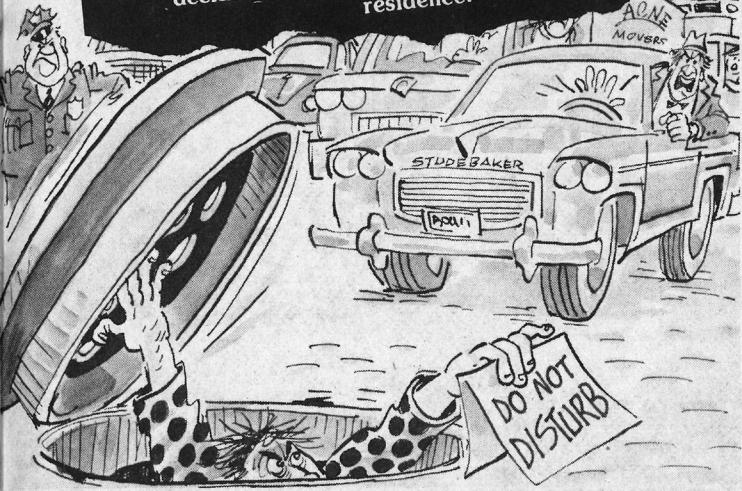
It is illegal to complete a paint by numbers picture and sell it to a museum as an original.



# CRACKED'S LITTLE KNOWN BY-LAWS

## LAW #7

In Little Rock, Arkansas, you are not allowed to declare a sewer as your permanent place of residence.



## LAW #9

In the Soviet Union, you can get arrested for saying, "More onions on the pizza, please."



## LAW #11

In Miami, Florida, it is illegal for a dentist to remove the gold fillings from your mouth.



## LAW #8

In Utah, it is against the law to attempt to sell life insurance to a dead man.



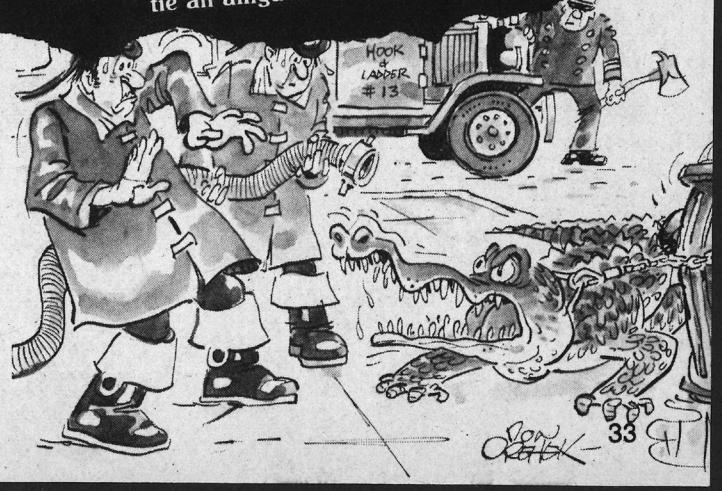
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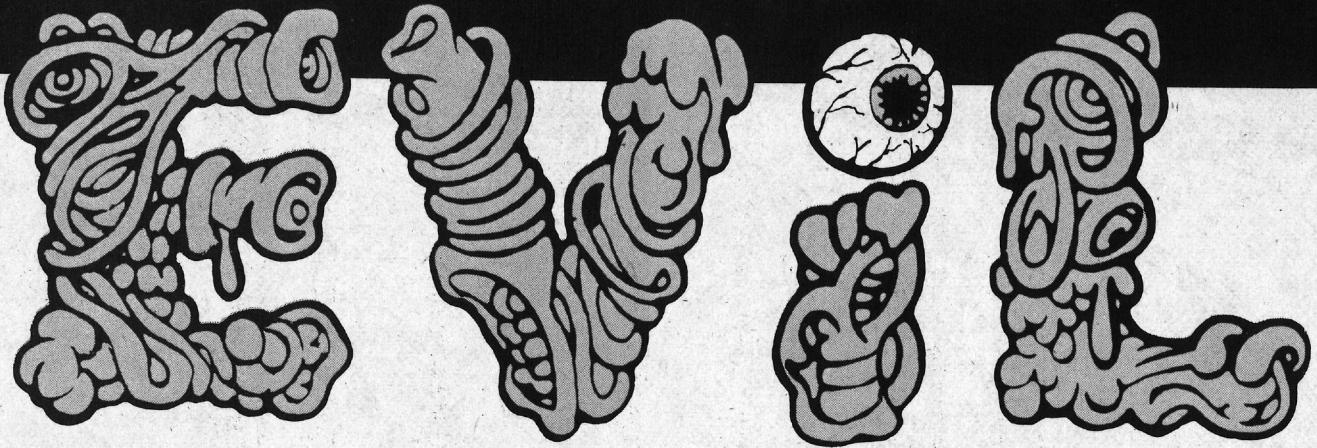


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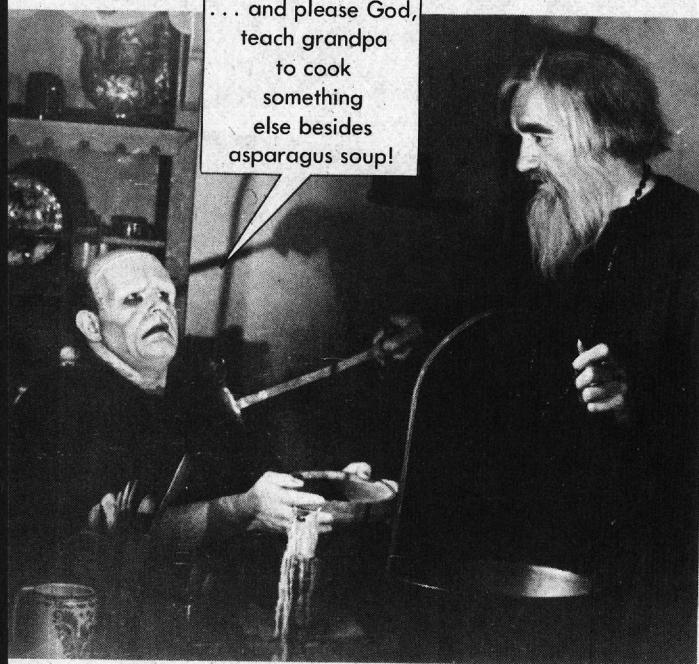
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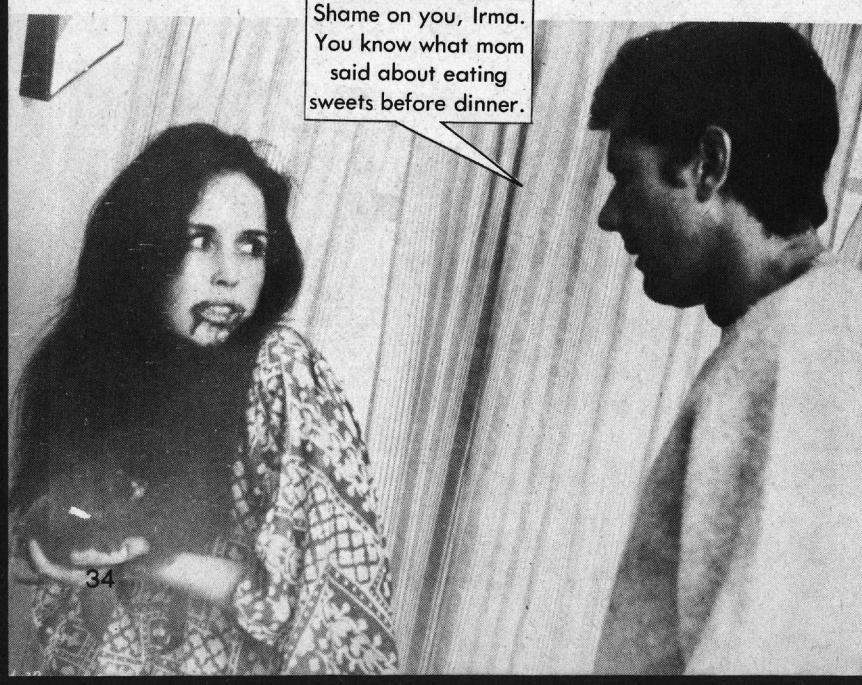
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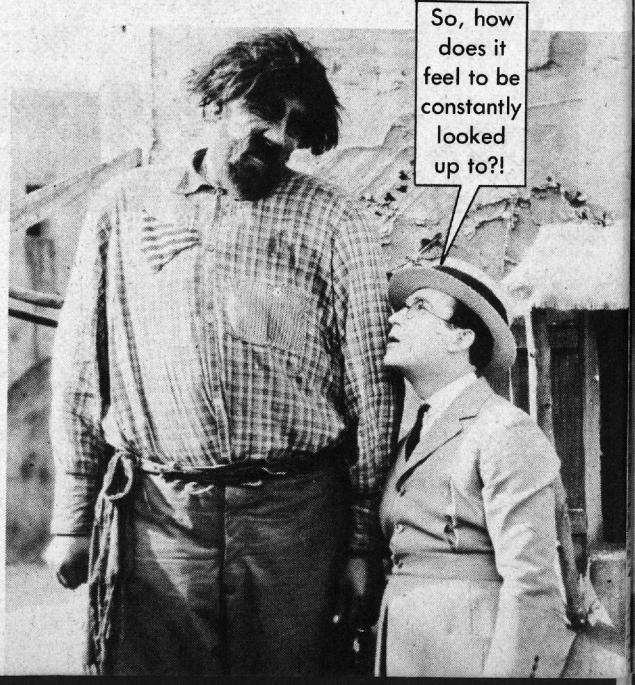
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but habitual  
sleepwalkers  
will buy 'em  
up in a  
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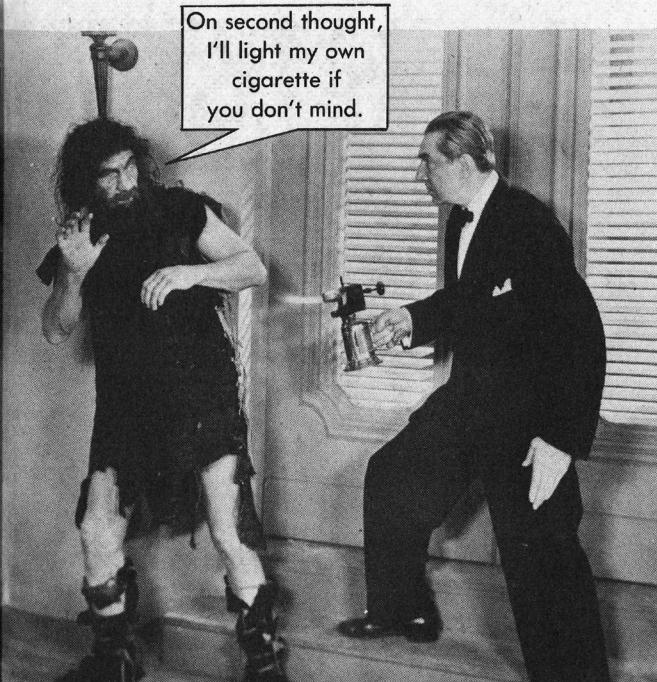
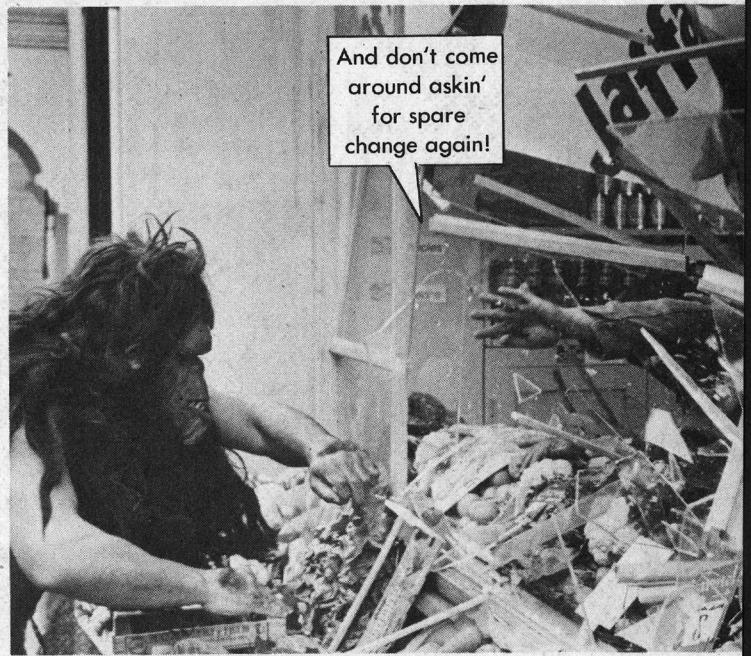


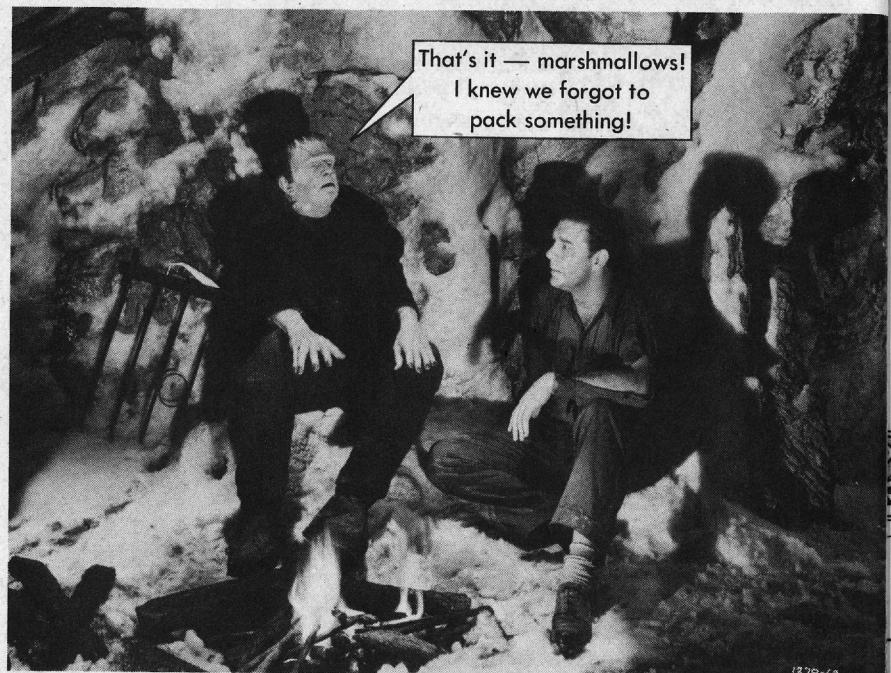
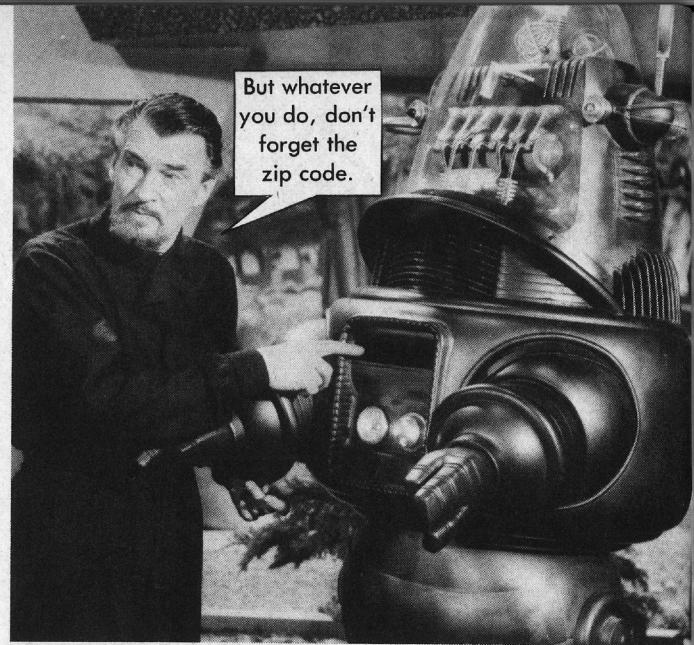
Shame on you, Irma.  
You know what mom  
said about eating  
sweets before dinner.



So, how  
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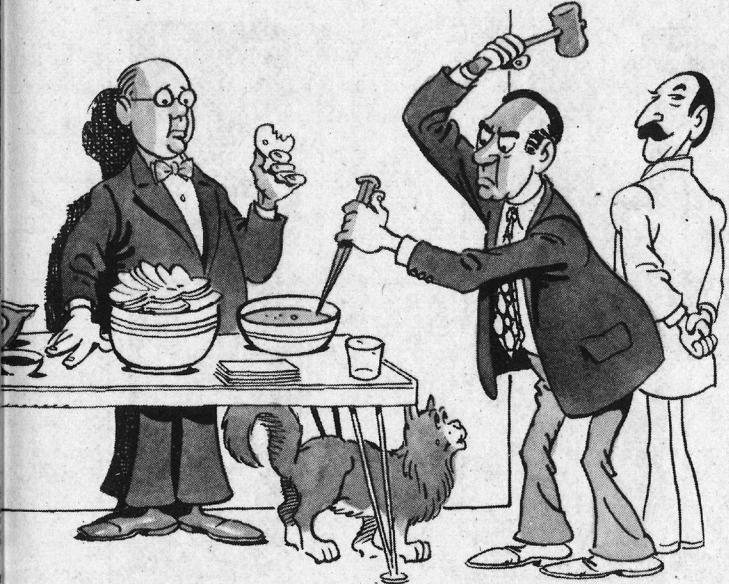




# YOU WON'T BE INVITED TO ANOTHER PARTY WHEN AT YOUR LAST PARTY...



...you unwittingly poured cement mix in the cheese dip.



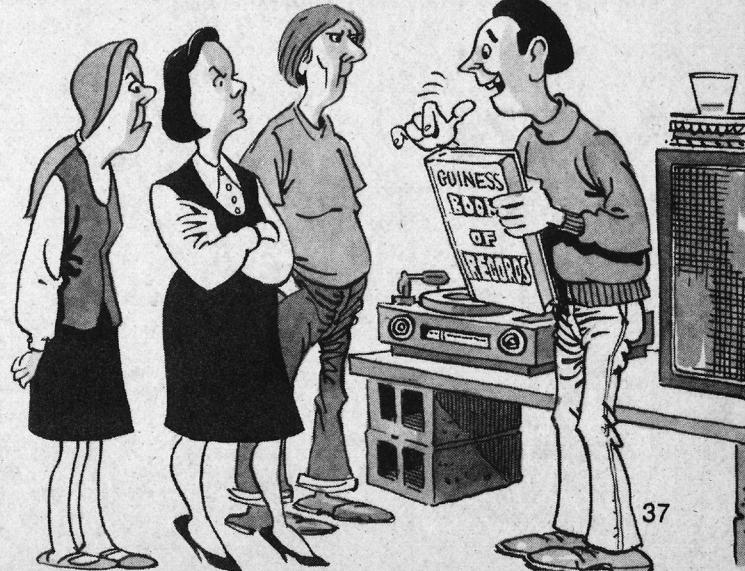
...you told your friends there was going to be door prizes and you gave away 5 doors.



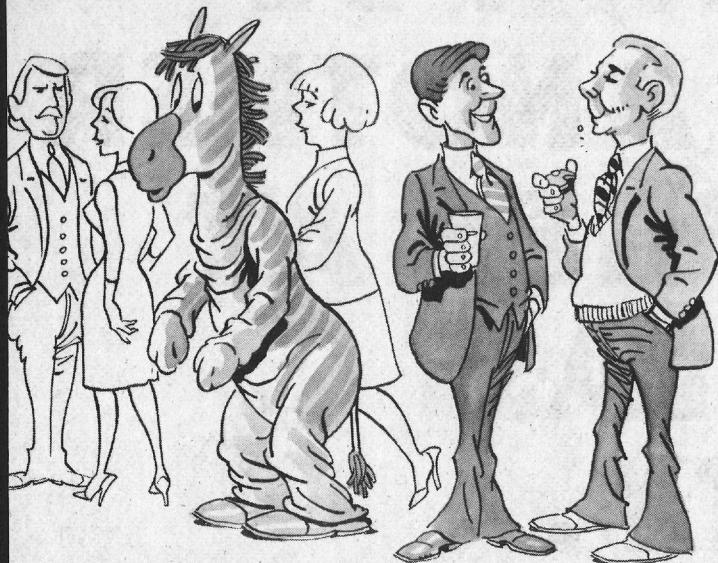
...you blew out the candles on the birthday cake and it wasn't your birthday.



...you were asked to bring over some records and you brought the Guiness Book.



...you came dressed as a zebra and it wasn't a costume party.



...you try to slow dance with the girlfriend of the guy who just received a football scholarship.



...you went into the kitchen and started making all your long distance calls.



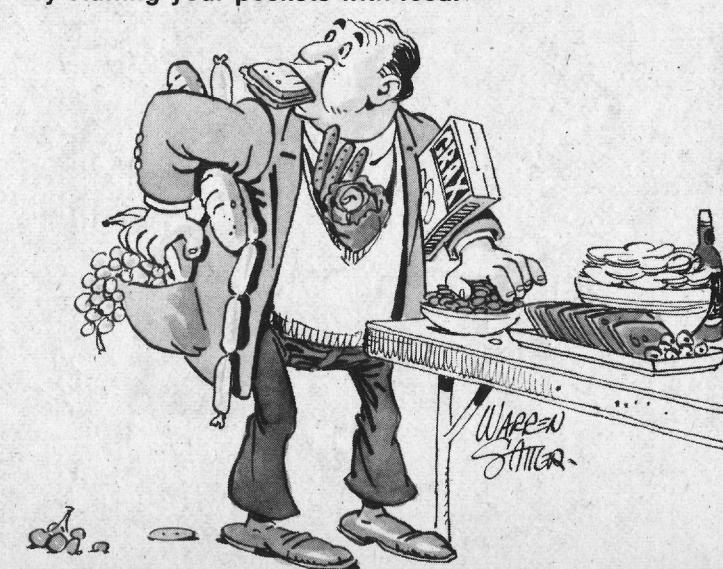
...you were told the party started at 8:00 and you showed up at 8:00 in the morning.



...you told the birthday girl you and your friends were going to crash the party, and you did...



...you tried to offset the money you spent on the gift by stuffing your pockets with food.



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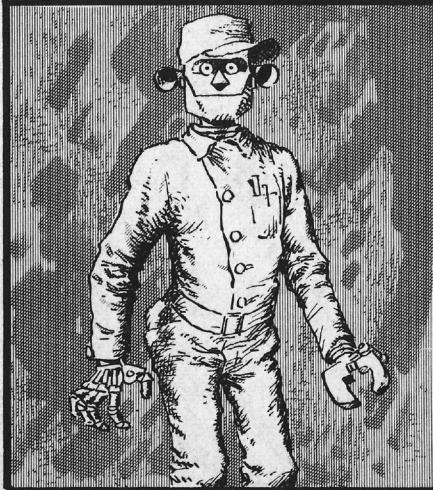
hecking out the T.V. ratings the other day, we noticed an interesting fact. Audiences are starting to ignore dumb situation comedies and detective dramas and are instead turning to informational programming. Well, at first, these shows were of high quality like *60 Minutes* and *20-20*, however, this past spring they've been getting dumber and dumber. In fact, the most moronic of all will probably be the new one they plan to introduce in a couple of weeks entitled

# REAL INCREDIBLE PEOPLE

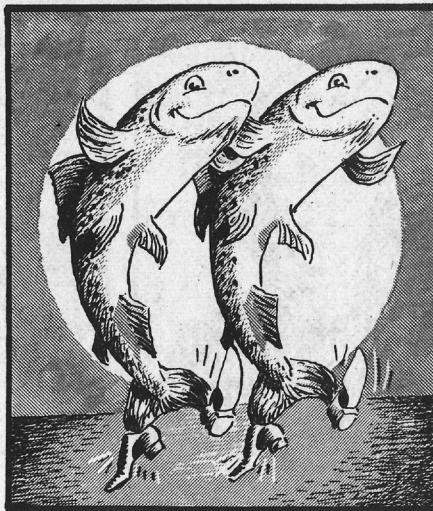
Tonight join us as we cover such exciting stories as John Overkill's attempt to jump out of a plane without a parachute and live to tell about it.



The man who does all the mechanical work on *JAWS*, *SIX MILLION DOLLAR MAN*, *KING KONG*, and *THE BIONIC WOMAN*.



A look at tap dancing trout...



A man who trains dogs to take their masters out for a walk...



A woman who claims she can communicate with the dead...



A lady barber who cuts clients hair with her teeth...



Yes, all this and more tonight. But before we go any further, let's meet the 3 top news reporters who not only do our stories, but also serve as our hosts while doing lots of smiling, and reading some of the dumbest jokes ever written for human beings.

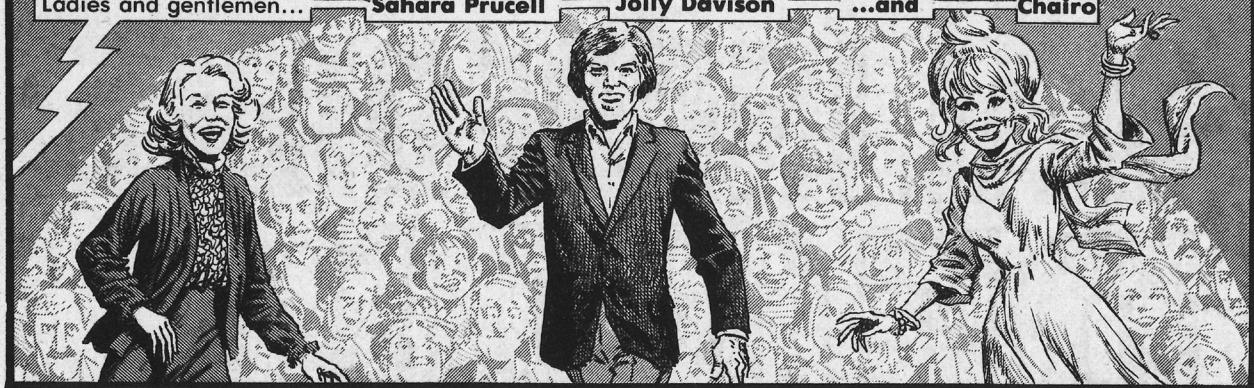
Ladies and gentlemen...

Sahara Prucell

Jolly Davison

...and

Chairo



Welcome to our show! I think we've got an exciting one for you.

Oh Jolly, I think your exciting too!

We're gonna have a jolly good time.

But enough of this droll humor. Instead come with me now as I visit a man who is known throughout the world as the **First Human Torch**.

Here is **Burny Mihand**, better known as the **Human Torch**. Tell me Burny, how's your career going?

I've never been **hotter**. I guess you can say I've ignited the public's interest in me.

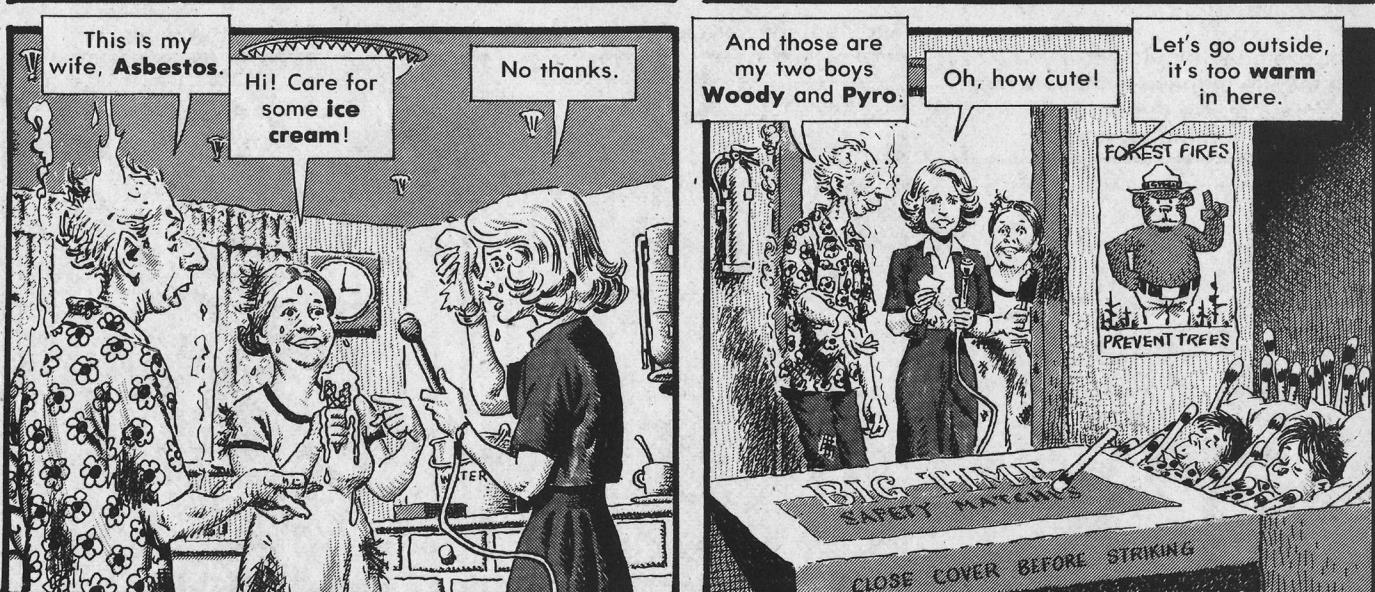
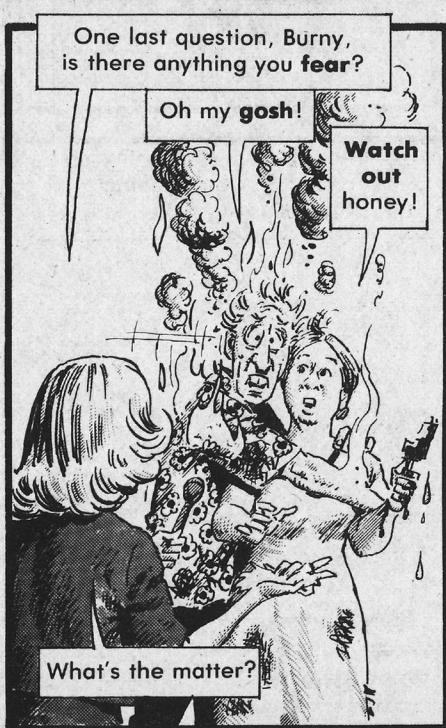
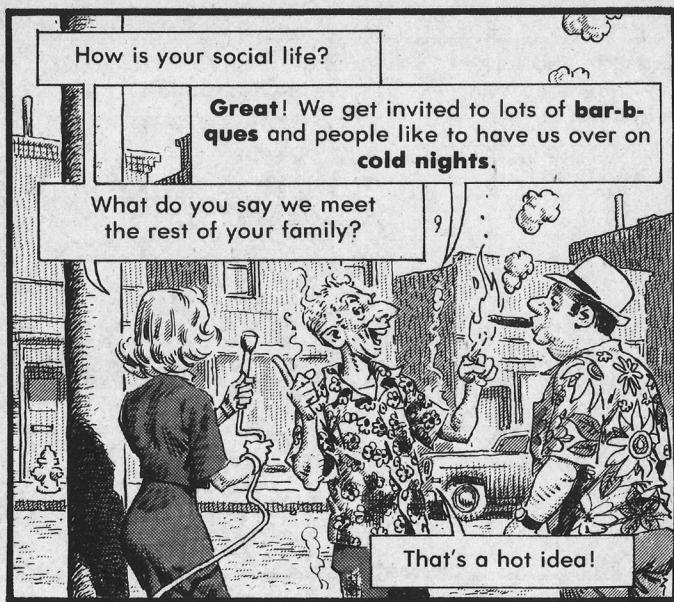
You've ignited more than the public's interest.

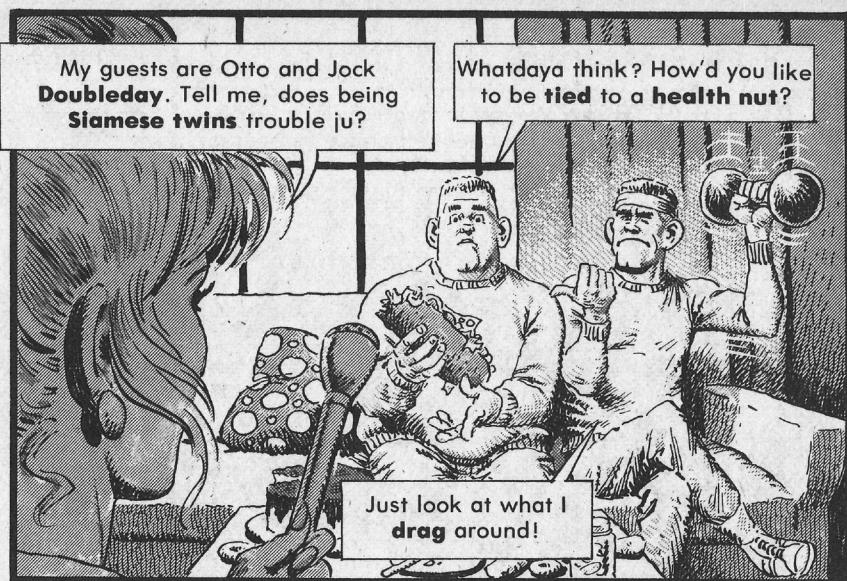
You give new meaning to the phrase, "You Light Up My Life." I'm curious Burny, what sort of jobs have you had?

I used to be an **arsonist** for the mob, but they **fired** me, for not keeping cool under pressure.

I was a cook for awhile but everything I made came out **char-broiled**. After that I worked as scenic designer in the movie, **THE TOWERING INFERNO**.

SMACK!  
SMACK!  
Oh no! I always do that.

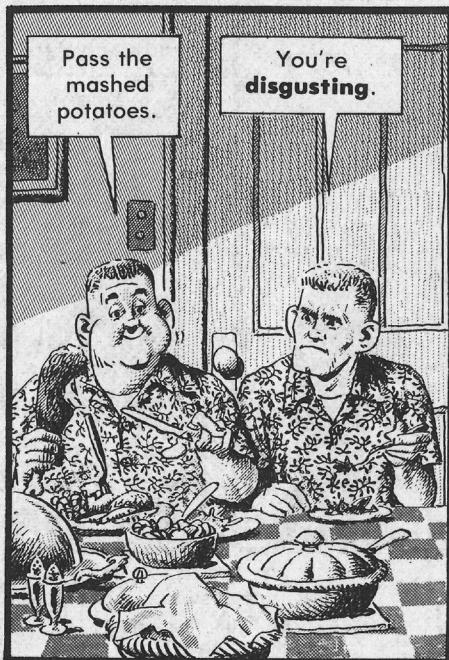




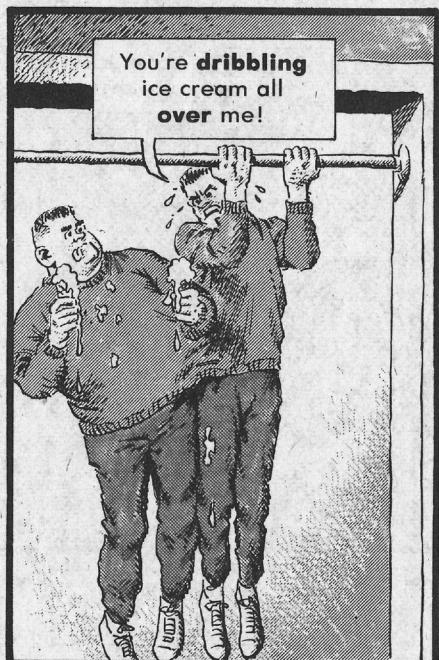
Now we go to film to show you a day in the life of these *incredible* men! Here they are during their early morning workout.



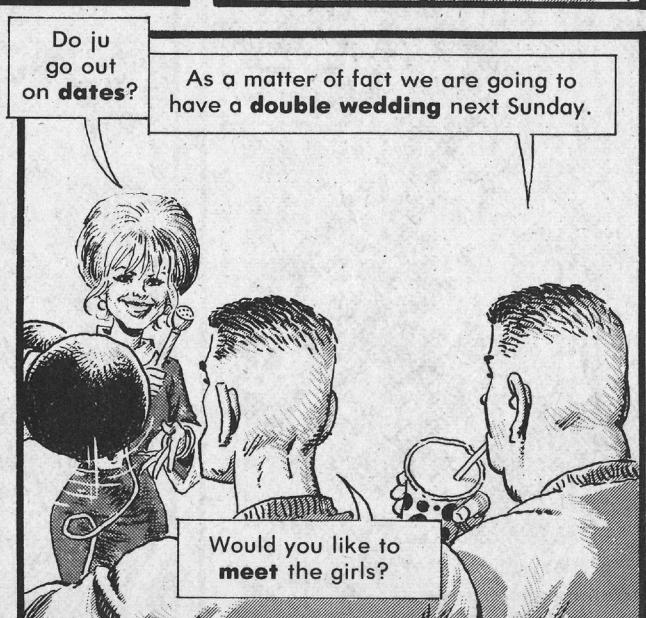
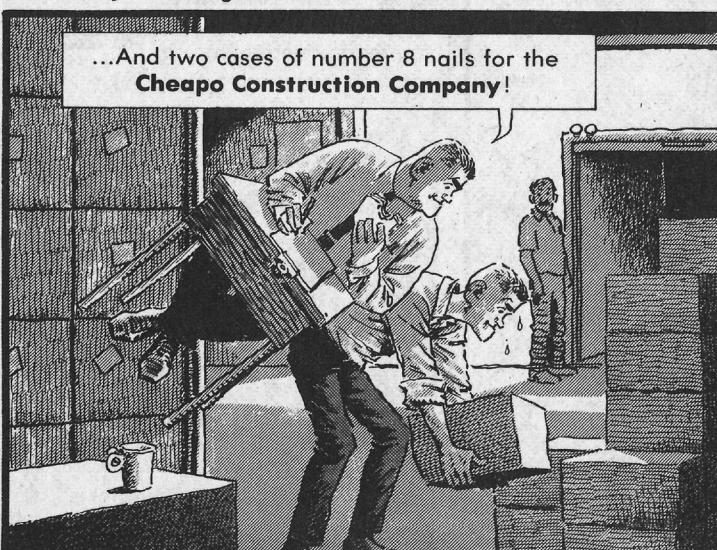
And here they are enjoying *lunch*!

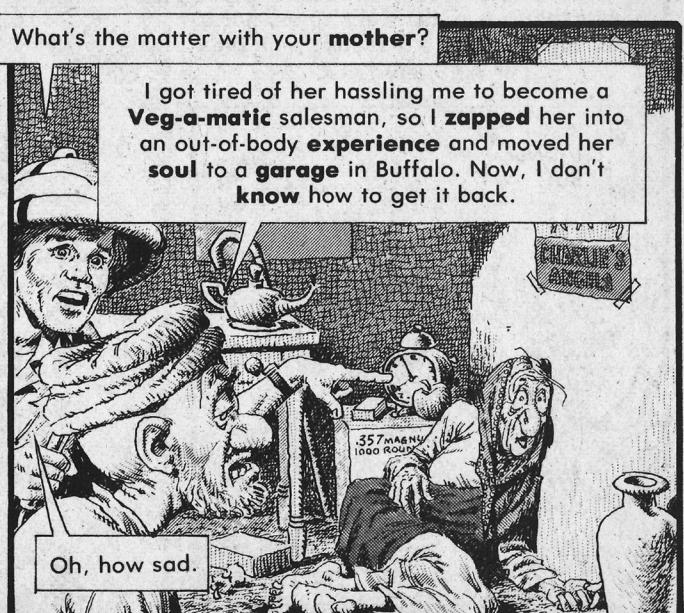
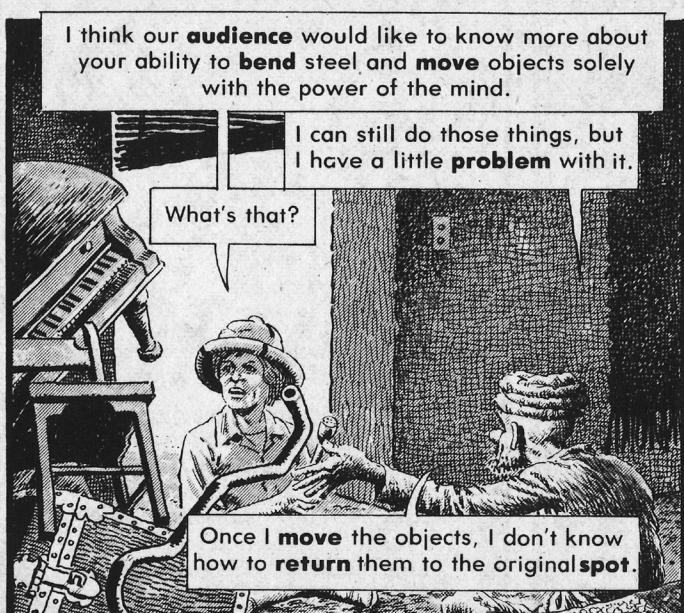
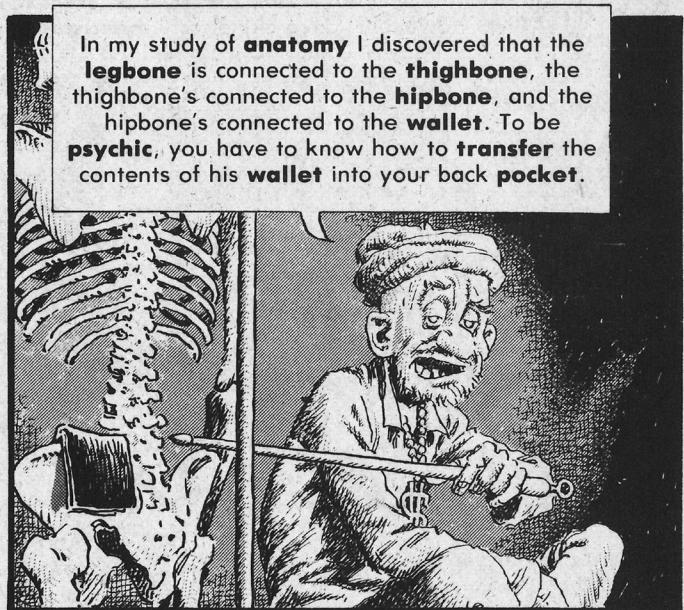
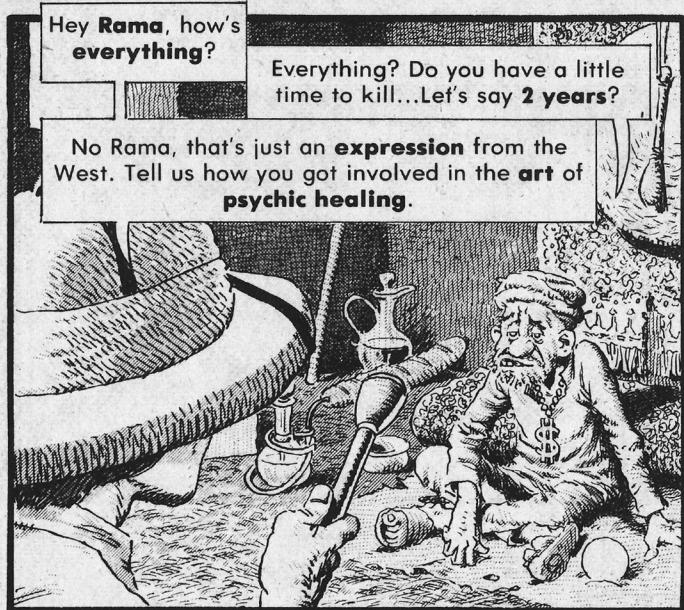
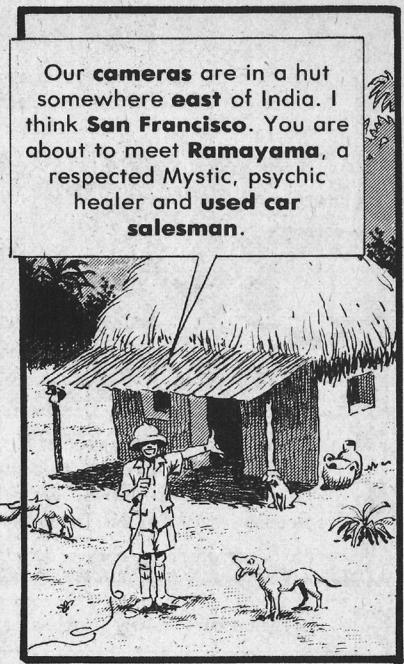


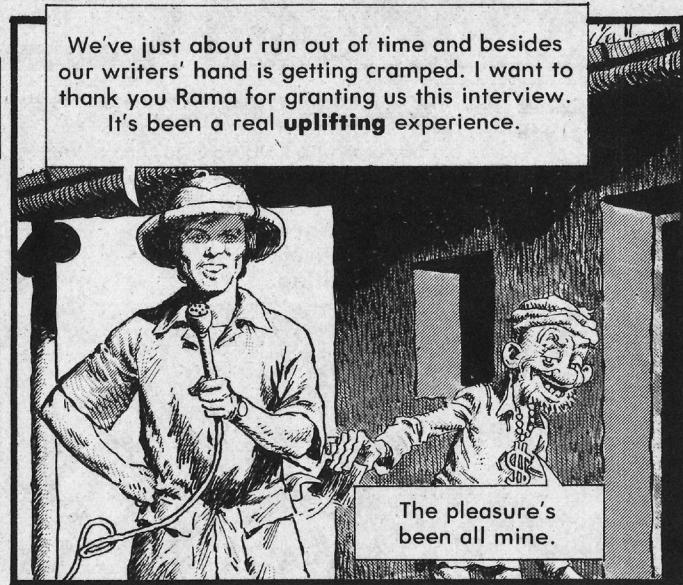
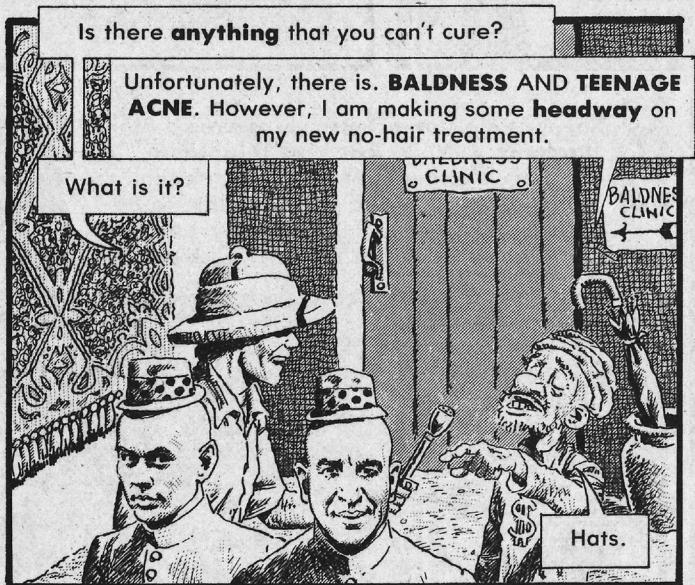
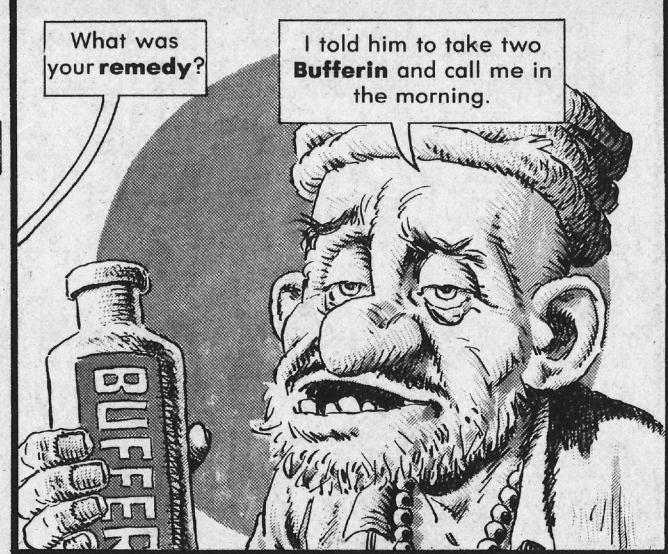
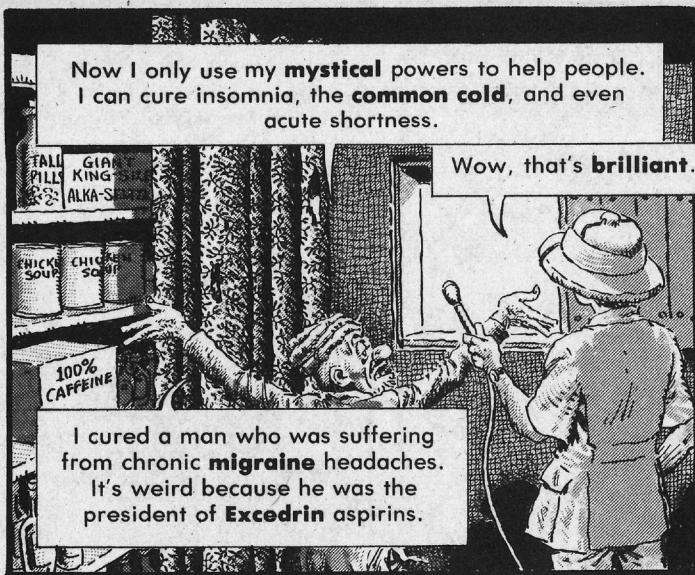
Then the afternoon *workout*!



They make a good team at work!







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Besides breathing polluted air, eating food which has been sprayed with pesticides, and making fun of uncoordinated people, there is one other thing we Americans have in common and that's...listening to the radio. And because of this, radio has become a big business. Everyday, more and more high paying jobs open up in the broadcasting field. And because we care about your future, we're now going to tell you how **YOU** can take advantage of these opportunities as we present

# CRACKED'S CAREER GUIDE FOR DISC JOCKEYS

Before we examine the role of the disc jockey at today's modern radio station, let's take a brief look back to see what it was like before radio was invented.

Back then, people had to rely upon other methods if they wanted to hear music.



Now this was fine, except if you were at the beach, especially on a windy day.



Yes, the early radio stations were primitive.



Today, equipment has been perfected, but radio is still a source of controversy.

Teachers argue that it's responsible for their students getting lower grades, because while doing their homework...

Automobile drivers are, however, supporters because radio can turn a rush hour traffic jam into a "fun experience."

Some businesses also love it.



But you're only 26! How could you have lost your hearing?



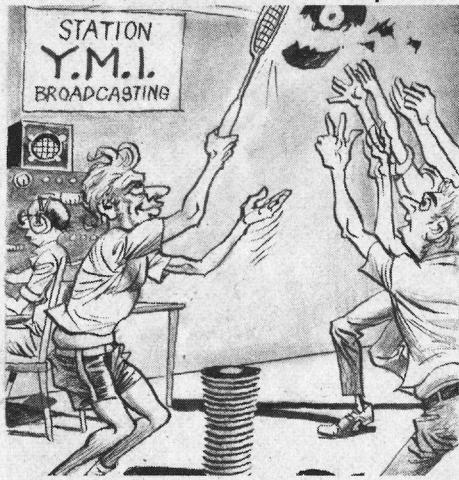
After radio shows finally caught on with Americans, the host, also known as the 'disc jockey' became one of the most respected and well-paid figures in America. Everybody wanted his job, and now you, the CRACKED reader, are in luck, because the rest of this manual will concentrate on teaching you how to succeed in the radio business.

First, what is a disc jockey? He's simply a broadcaster.



Not that type, dummy!!

As a disc jockey, it will be your job to serve the latest hit records to the public.

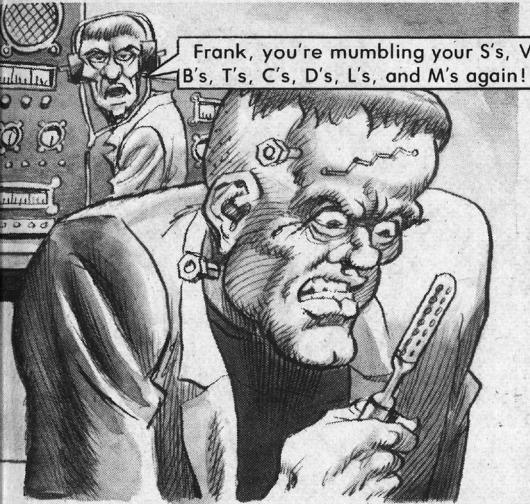


Every week, record companies will send you hundreds of new releases and you must carefully choose.



Of course, not everyone can be a disc jockey. Only people with special abilities are suited for the job.

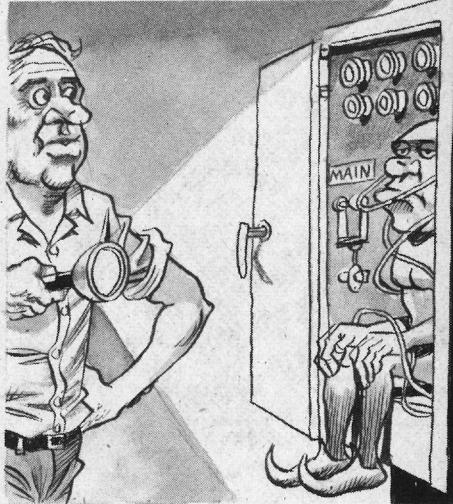
All aspiring DJ's should be good talkers. Those that aren't, just won't make it.



And DJ's should be able to organize records so they can grab and play them at a moment's notice.



The DJ must also know how to work with electricity, because in case of a blackout, it will be his responsibility to locate the short in the system.

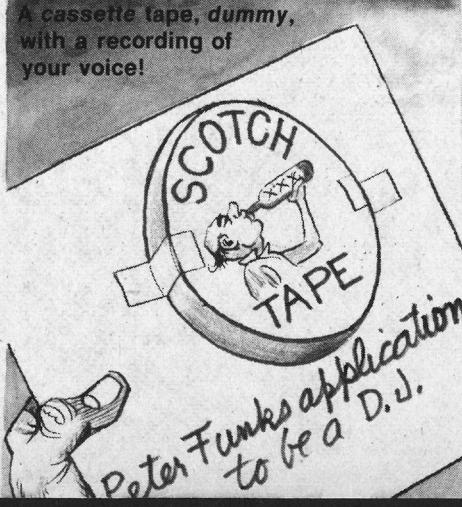


Getting the job: Playing music all day long sounds like a great way to earn a living. And no doubt you are now asking yourself, "How can I get such an easy job?"

First, send a resume to the station where you'd like to work. Including a photograph is helpful...



If the station owner likes you, he will then ask you to send a tape.

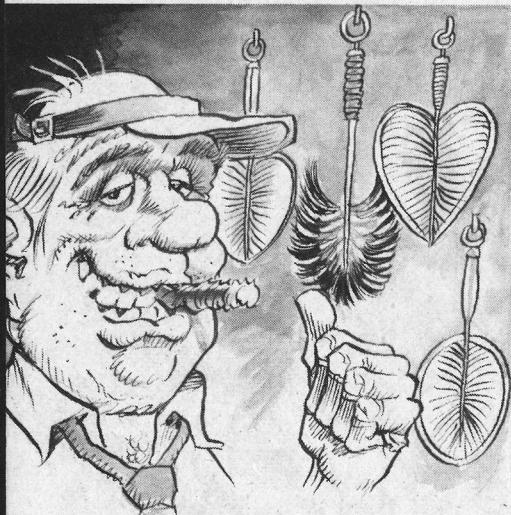


When applying for a job as a DJ, other factors may also enter into the picture.



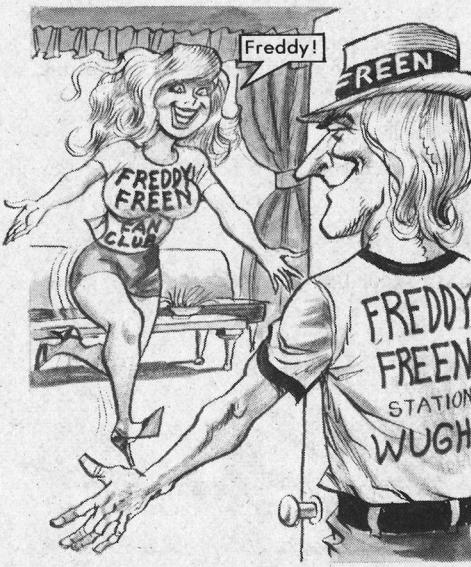
## Keeping the job: Now you're probably asking yourself, "Once I get the job, how do I keep it?"

This in part, will depend upon how many fans you have...

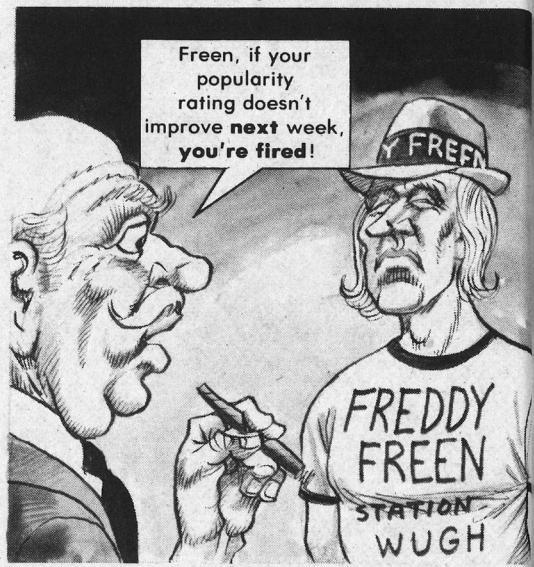


...but not these kind!

To maintain your popularity, you will have to make many personal appearances. Some good...



...others not quite as pleasurable.

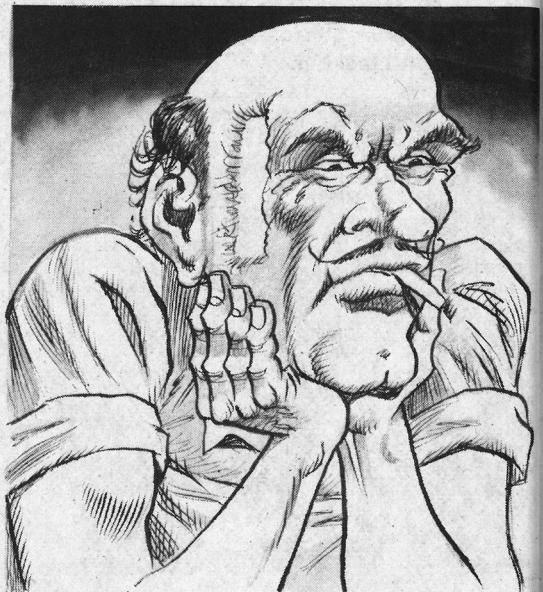


Although you will no doubt become famous and wealthy, there are certain risks.

One such hazard is the record shelves.

And because DJ's must wear heavy headphones during the entire show...

...this may cause some unsightly after effects.



**Miscellaneous:** There are still a few more things we haven't mentioned.

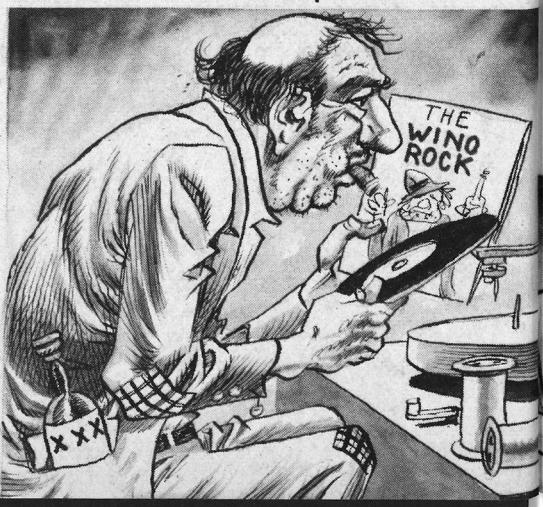
During your show, you must be careful not to offend your listeners. Otherwise, at the end of the day, you'll discover...



If the tone arm of the turntable breaks down during a song, you must quickly find a creative solution.



And since your listeners don't see you during your show, your grooming and dress don't have to be perfect.



One more question still remains, 'Do you have the aptitude for the job?' To find out the answer, take the following...

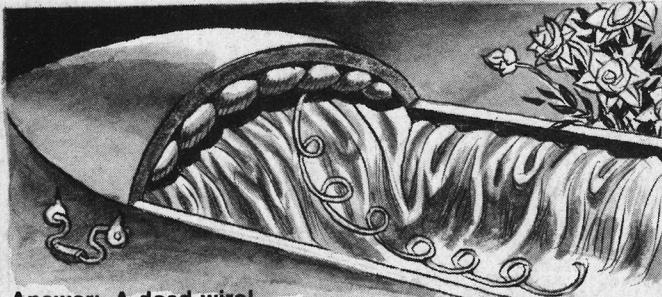
## DISC JOCKEY APTITUDE TEST

Sledgehammers are very popular with DJ's because after playing the same records all week, they often feel like...



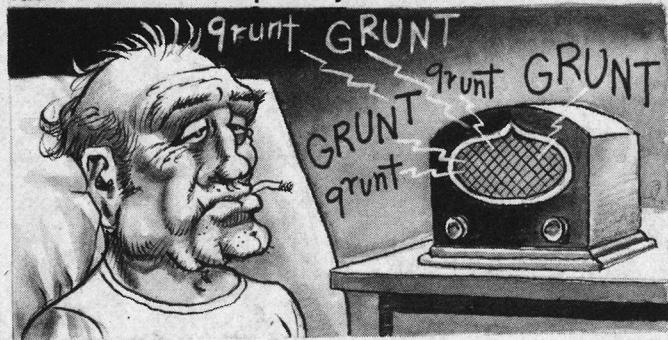
True       False

This is the most frequent cause of electrical problems at a radio station. What is it?



Answer: A dead wire!

An arm wrestling contest between two guests on your radio show is sure to please your listeners.



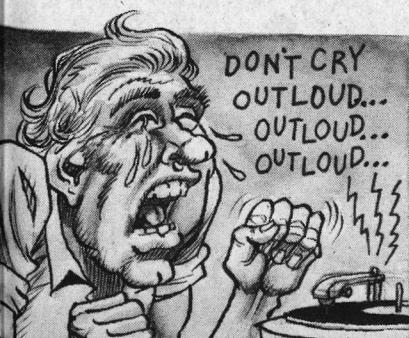
True       False

If a record you are playing becomes stuck in a groove, and the same word plays over and over, you should...

- A. Lift the needle off the turntable, and continue to sing the rest of the song by yourself.
- B. Push the record needle deeper into the groove.
- C. Cry

**Scoring:**

If all of your answers were correct, you pass. If not, you failed.



Now that you have demonstrated that you have the aptitude for a career as a radio announcer, it's time to make your big move and apply for the job. To do this, simply fill out the following...

## APPLICATION FORM TO BE A DISC JOCKEY

...and then mail it  
to your favorite radio station.  
We're sure you'll be hired immediately.



1) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

2) Medical History: Check the illnesses below which you've previously had:

Saturday Night Fever       Freak Out  
 Bad Blood       Double Vision  
 Hot Legs       Heart of Glass  
 Hippy Hippy Shakes

3) Mental History: Would you describe yourself as weird?

Yes       No       Krelbesh

4) Bad Habits (Be Honest): I crack my knuckles...

Often       Never       Only when a nut cracker is handy

5) Work Attitude: I believe in...

Business before pleasure  
 Pleasure before business  
 Soup before salad

6) I feel that I am qualified to be a DJ at your station because (check one):

I always talk to imaginary people.  
 I'm a member of a minority group.  
 I'm a good sitter! I've sat in detention for more hours than any other kid in my high school.  
 Papa was a rolling stone, wherever he laid his hat was his home.  
 Other.

7) Does anyone in your family own this radio station?

Yes       No

Note: If the answer to the above question is yes, then you are to report to work tomorrow morning at 9:00!

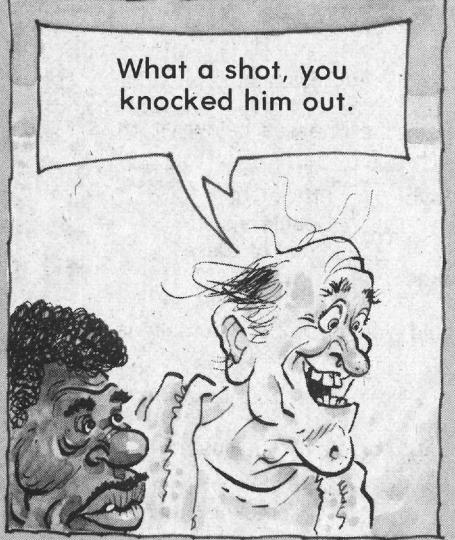
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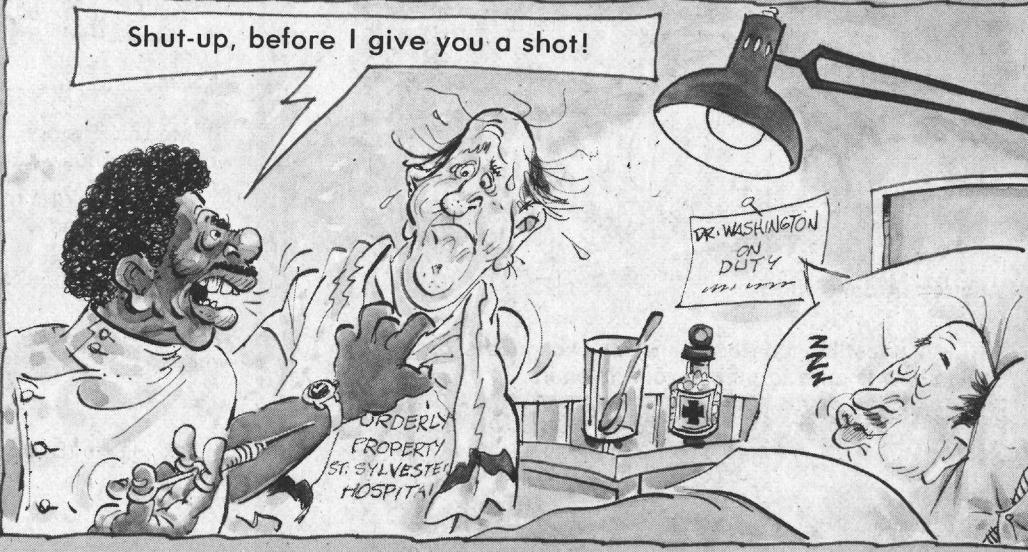
This is by far my greatest work of art.



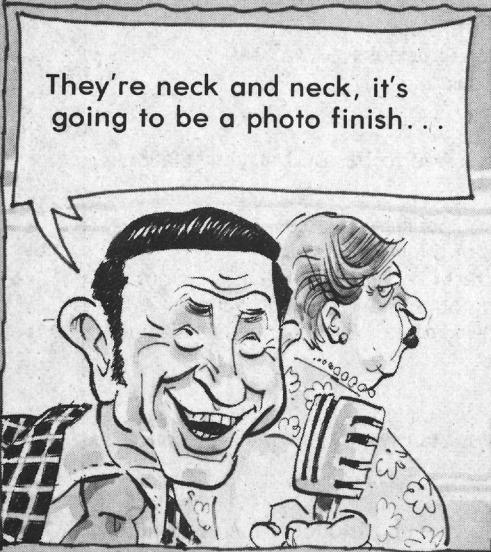
What a shot, you knocked him out.



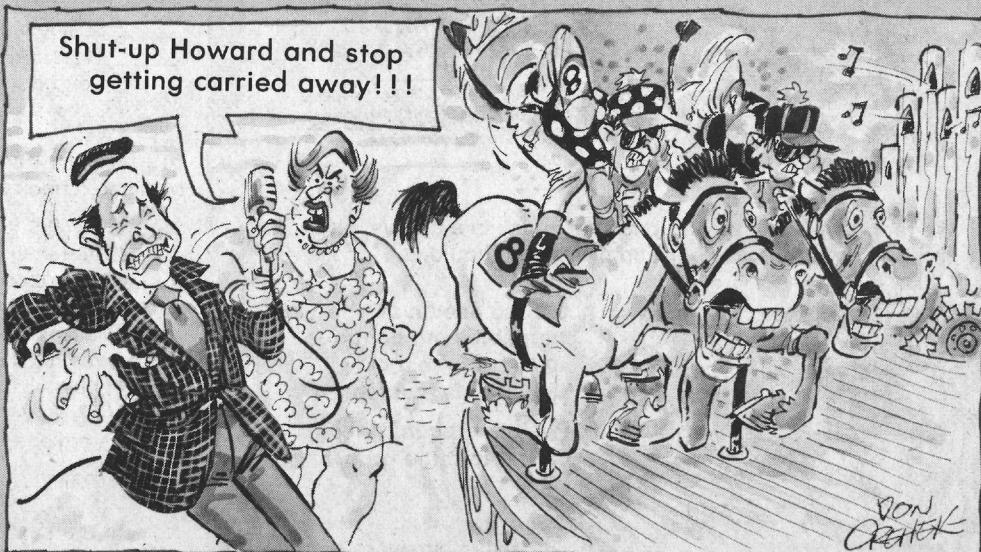
Shut-up, before I give you a shot!



They're neck and neck, it's going to be a photo finish...

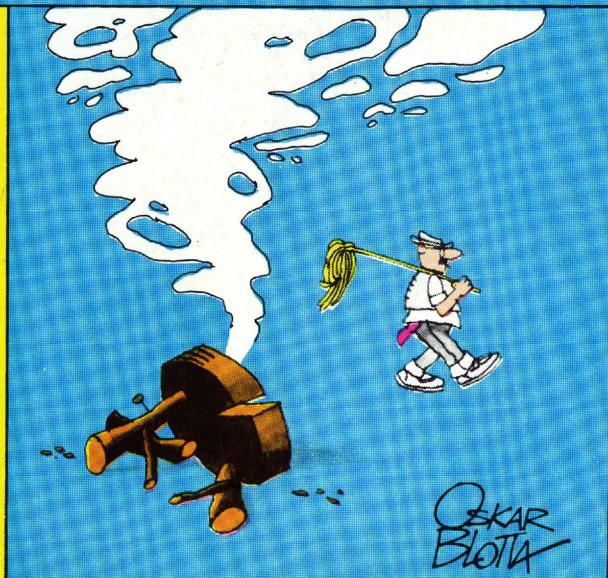
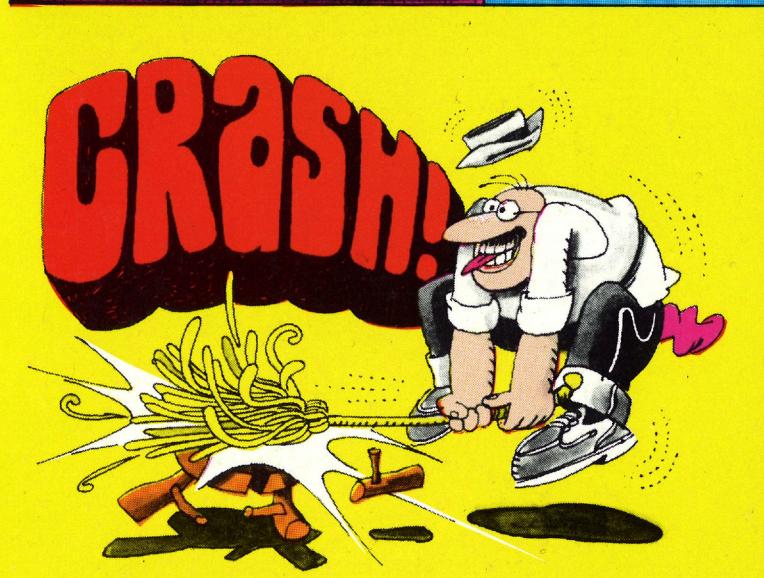
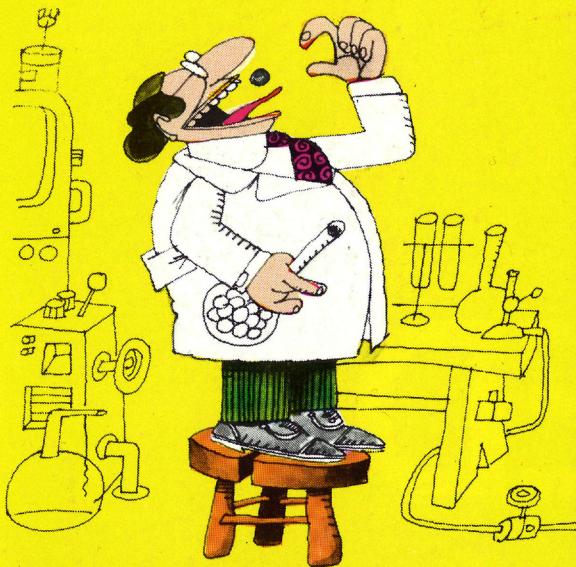


Shut-up Howard and stop getting carried away!!!



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BY  
THE  
CRISIS!  
ENERGY TO CLEAN IT !!

# THE MAN AND THE BEAST



THIS ROOM  
HAS BEEN AFFECTED  
BY THE  
ENERGY CRISIS!

I DON'T HAVE THE ENERGY TO CLEAN IT !!